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A salute from Israel

Youngest mission participant Chaim Shotkin salutes standing on top of an Israeli tank near the Golan Heights. For complete coverage of the 2005 UJA Community Mission to Israel, see pages 37-43.

(OJB Photo: Barry Fishman)

Chair promises change

By Diane Koven

Our community's newly named umbrella organization has plans to make more than superficial changes to the way the community operates.

It was "out with the old, in with the new" at the 71st Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'Ir and the first annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa.

"Being Jewish in Ottawa today is very different than it was 20 and 30 and 50 years ago," said Ron Prehogan, chair of the new Jewish Federation of Ottawa (JFO), in his inaugural address.

"In the old days, people gave their money and their time to the community because that was what they were *supposed* to do. To do your part for the community, you had to join the JCC, you had to join a shul, you had to send your children to Hillel Academy and Camp B'nai Brith – this is what it was. Today, people see themselves as having choices including even the choice to be Jewish and they will decide to get



New Federation Chair Ron Prehogan (left) presents outgoing Vaad Ha'Ir President Arnie Vered with a gift from the community.

(Photo: Peter Waisner)

involved and to contribute only to those organizations that touch them in a certain way and respond to their particular needs," he said.

Prehogan plans to change the perception that collecting money is the main function of our communi-

ty agencies and donating money is the primary function of being a committed Jew in our community.

"The primary message to people has to change from 'I want your money' to 'I want to help you along

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Arabs and Jews gather over food to tackle Mid-East divide

By Balint Molnar

A group of 60 Jews and Arabs has been meeting in Ottawa for the last two and a half years to foster dialogue and build small bridges between their communities.

University professors, professionals, musicians, students and senior citizens among them, members of Potlucks for Peace come together once a month over delicious homemade food to talk politics and learn about the views, feel-

ings and experiences of the other side in the often heated Canadian debate that rages over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The idea for a grass roots, inter-communal dialogue group originated with Qias Ghanem, a professor of medicine at the University of Ottawa, after attending a panel discussion on the Middle East conflict that was held on Ottawa's Parliament Hill. The participants were representatives of the Canadian Jewish and

Arab communities and "the discussion quickly descended into a shouting match," Ghanem recalls.

During a break, however, he noticed two young women talking to each other. "One of them was Jewish, I could easily tell that by the way she was dressed, but I couldn't tell if the other one was as well."

After introducing himself, Ghanem learned that the woman in question was, in fact, a Palestinian.

"They talked as if they were old

friends," said the Yemeni-born Ghanem, and this contrast between their civility and the verbal slugfest, which had just unfolded on the stage a few minutes earlier, sparked his idea to organize an informal get-together between Jews and Arabs at his house – Potlucks for Peace was born.

Two and a half years later after the first eat-in, the group has grown tenfold from the six who showed up to the first meeting. People from

both communities came – the ratio of Arabs to Jews has now improved to 2-to-3, after the initial 1-to-3 – among them many who had little or no contact with members of the other group before.

Living side by side in an avowedly multicultural society and holding strongly divergent views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict – that is the reality facing the Potluck for Peace members who attended

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New federation changes governance decision-making structure

By Mitchell Bellman
President, CEO
Jewish Federation
of Ottawa

At the annual general meeting on June 8, 2005, the community launched the new Jewish Federation of Ottawa.

The changes to the organization came as a result of a lengthy strategic planning process. The community leadership recognized that we will not preserve our community on nostalgia alone. Jewish consumers will only support excellent organizations. The Jewish Federation of Ottawa aims to be a great organization serving a great Jewish community.

It was determined that our governance and decision-making structures of the Vaad Ha'Ir were becoming less relevant as the community grew. The new Jewish Federation of Ottawa will be led by a board of nine people and



Mitchell Bellman
(Photo: Peter Waisser)

three ex-officio members. They will be responsible for decision-making on behalf of the community and will be accountable to the community through a members committee representative of the broad community. The board will also have five policy committees that will deal with everything from Jew-

ish identity and planning to revenue development and administration.

Community members are invited to get involved in the committee and sub-committee work that will assist the board of directors in fulfilling their roles.

The titles of the volunteers and professionals are also changing to better reflect their new roles. The senior volunteer leader of the board will be the Chair and the senior professional will be the President and CEO.

The community will hear more about the changes made to the central Jewish organization in the months to come. It is the hope of its leadership that the members of the community will become involved in the community and will work together to ensure the success of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa.

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Community award winners (from left to right): Barbara Farber, Hy Bloom and Jenny Shinder are honoured at Vaad Ha'Ir annual general meeting.
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Not business as usual

(Continued from page 1) organizations, a method which is expected to better meet the community's needs.

Outreach to unaffiliated Jews will be a priority, with increased use of the general media to promote Jewish community activities. Noting that the *Book of Numbers* is now being read in synagogues, in which the Jewish people were asked to conduct a census, Bellman said, "The census demonstrates the significance of every Jew. Every individual is important and must be recorded. We have the same obligation today to reach all members of our community. We can never become satisfied until we find ways to include and involve all Jews in Ottawa."

President and CEO Mitchell Bellman echoed Prehogan's sentiments in his report. "After 70 years, we are changing our name. We are changing the way we lead the community, the way we engage the community and the way we represent the community. While we will continue to honour a great past, we must also move forward to ensure we have a strong future." The changes came about in response to changing and evolving needs.

"Jewish consumers used to want services that were Jewish. They also hoped for high quality. Today, the Jews want great services they also hope are Jewish," said Bellman.

One of the innovations of the new federation is the system for allocating community funds to specific programs and services rather than to

Jewish Community of Ottawa, are making things happen here in the capital of Canada," said Vered.

Vered was presented with several gifts from the community in appreciation for his leadership.

In a final official act culminating "six years of being involved in community affairs at the highest level," Gerald Levitz introduced the presentation of community awards to Jenny Shinder, Hy Bloom and Barbara Farber.

Shinder, recipient of the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award and the Lawrence Greenberg Young Leadership Development Award, thanked her "team" of friends and fellow volunteers, Meg Friedman for her professional leadership with YAD, and her supportive husband and family.

Farber, whose list of volunteer positions and activities in both the Jewish and general communities is long and varied, received The Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award, the community's highest honour.

For recording the sounds of the Jewish community for over half a century and donating over 100 audio tapes to the Jewish Community Archives, Hy Bloom received The Shlem Tov Community Volunteer Award.

Award winners and members of the community adjourned to the dessert reception following the formal business meeting.

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A gift to the Annual Campaign provides funds to meet urgent, ongoing humanitarian and social service needs of the global Jewish people, to encourage and support Jewish education and Jewish community, and to strengthen the relationship among North American Jews, Jews of the Diaspora and Israel.

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So, campaign rhetoric and hype aside, the planning, organizing, marketing and executing of an Annual Campaign, regardless of community size, is a daunting task – and not for the faint of heart.

In Ottawa, this year's Campaign has been the most successful financially, resulting in more programming, growth and development. It is a testament to the people involved who have managed it all so successfully. So, when Ottawa UJA staffers sat around to reflect on the 2005 Campaign and what might best describe the nature of their work, one word in particular came to mind: "multi-tasking."



Ian Atwell, Meg Friedman, Shelley Levoy, Leora Kimmel and Cynthia Hill

The Ottawa Campaign team, consisting of an office manager, administrative assistant, special events coordinator, campaign administrator and senior associate for Women's Division and Young Leadership, has spent the better part of the past year constantly juggling many balls and accomplishing more than ever before.

Despite tight budgets, quality programs are developed and delivered.

"The quality of what we produce has improved in leaps and bounds," says Cynthia Hill, UJA's office manager. "There is a better understanding of what UJA does and participants have had a more enjoyable experience, as does the staff."

They all agree the primary goal is to convey that the Campaign is not just about raising money, but about building relationships.

A case in point was this year's re-launch of the Young Adult Division (YAD). This was an aypical non-solicitation event. Participants were invited to an evening out to connect with young adults and the Jewish community. The goal was to empower everyone to get involved with YAD and give of their time, share their talents and contribute to their community.

The re-launch party created a renewed interest in YAD, plus it

helped generate a 25-person Ottawa delegation to the Young Leadership Convention in Toronto in April, many of whom now sit on committees and are actively involved.

Shelley Levoy, special events coordinator and newest addition to the team, says, "We are a very committed group and, thankfully, everyone is open to new and innovative ideas."

Levoy added her creative touch to the recent community-wide Aviv Festival, a large-scale event that requires tremendous work and coordination and is intended to "build community" spirit through its efforts.

When thinking about the coming 2006 campaign year, Hill says, "We want to build on the momentum of last year, get more people involved and promote our *Live Generously* slogan. We want people to feel good about their contribution."

Hill adds, "I'm not sure the community fully realizes how extremely successful we are in terms of the dollars raised and the events we run, despite being sandwiched between the larger Toronto and Montreal markets."

This year's SuperWeek saw over 675 people contacted in the first day alone. Over 50 volunteers participated over a three-day period and 1,325

cards in total were canvassed. In the end, SuperWeek helped raise over \$200,000 for the Campaign.

The Public Service division, the largest division, had over 400 donors, 45 canvassers and raised over \$175,000 for the 2005 campaign.

Last year's annual Golf Tournament surpassed all expectations, raising \$119,000 and adding many new corporate sponsors to the fold. This year's sold-out tournament is just around the corner and, by all accounts, will exceed last year's event.

The community-at-large also may not be aware that the Jewish Federation of Ottawa (formerly the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir) recently completed a three-year long database conversion that became fully operational in April of this year.

Solly Patronash helped guide all Federation staff through a very demanding conversion process. Staff participated in intensive training sessions to prepare for the installation of this state-of-the-art system. This new database enables the Federation to produce more comprehensive donor profiles, retrieve donor information in a variety of ways and improve efficiency overall.

Ian Atwell, campaign administrator, says, "We're still ironing out some of the kinks, but this new system greatly enhances the way we do business."

The goal for the coming 2006 Campaign year is not only to raise money for the Campaign, but to continue to raise the profile of the Ottawa community within and beyond Ottawa.

"This fall, we want to send a large delegation to the 2005 General Assembly in Toronto," says Hill.

Needless-to-say, plans are well under way for the 2006 Campaign. This team of multi-taskers is in full throttle for the September 7 Campaign Kickoff with esteemed keynote speaker Elie Wiesel set to launch the Campaign.

For more information about UJA and to reserve tickets for Elie Wiesel, contact 798-4696, ext. 227 or www.jewishottawa.org/kickoff06.

War veterans honoured at special evening

By Diane Koven

Their numbers are dwindling, but our debt to them remains large.

Ottawa's Jewish war veterans were recently honoured during an evening of dinner and entertainment that commemorated the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Many dignitaries and members of the community attended.

Deputy Post Commander Phil Pinkus recited the Act of Remembrance and listed the names of the five members who had died in the past year, followed by a moment of silence to reflect upon the loss.

Among those present were Ottawa Mayor Bob Chiarelli and Deputy Chief

of Police Larry Hill. Member of Parliament Marlene Catterall brought greetings from the government of Canada.

"Very few in Ottawa know what the Jewish community did to respond to the Second World War – far more than any other group," said Catterall, referring to the high proportion of Jews who volunteered to serve their country. She praised the Ottawa Post for educating young people about the war.

"Terrible as the Holocaust was, it has changed the world and to any of you who are survivors, I don't know how to express how I feel when I think about the experiences you might have gone through. Any time I am with the Jewish community, I cannot help but reflect on a whole history of being under threat..."

Annie Vered, president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vad Ha'ir, added, "If the Holocaust had not occurred, the



Members of the Ottawa Post, Jewish War Veterans of Canada, march on the Colours during the dinner in their honour. (OJB Photo: Barry Fishman)

Jewish population of the world today would be 40 million and not 13 million."

Alan Baker, ambassador of Israel to Canada, spoke of the three generations of sol-

diers in his own family. He spoke fondly of his late grandfather's pride in his war medals from the First World War.

"I, myself, am a war veteran from a new generation; a different generation and a different war. My own children, my three sons, are also war veterans of a different generation and a different set of wars."

Baker thanked the Ottawa veterans for their contribution and sacrifices.

"Because of you, because of what you did and what you sacrificed, we are able to live to enjoy our own freedom, the freedom you fought for and the fact that you gave us the opportunity to enjoy our freedom."

Elly Bollegraaf, a tireless volunteer photographer for the Ottawa Post, has compiled a poster exhibit which was on display at the dinner. Born in the Netherlands, she

introduced Ambassador Jacques Van Hellenberg Huber, ambassador of the Netherlands to Canada.

Speaking of the friendship between Canada and the Netherlands, the ambassador said, "Our main aim is now to make sure this friendship will continue, but, more important perhaps, is the fact that we want to make sure the freedom you gave to us is being preserved in a careful manner and being used as a building material in order to create a Europe that is more tolerant... than it was at the time of the Holocaust."

Entertainment was provided by the Agudath Israel Choir, the Shira Ottawa Choir and Raneim, a group of Yitzhak Rabin High School students.

Capt Paul Bender, Ottawa Post commander, called upon the youth to remember what has gone on before them. "... if we do a good job of that, perhaps, and just perhaps, we will turn our swords into plowshares and there will be no more war."

To end the evening, members of the Ottawa Post marched off the Colours.

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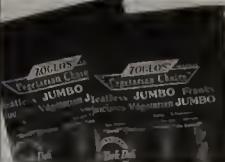
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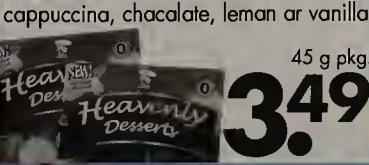
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Highlights from new chair's inaugural speech

I would like to thank the community for giving me this wonderful opportunity. When I was asked to chair the federation, my initial thought was that the community must be pretty desperate to resort to an ex-Montrealer who still needs help putting on Tefillin. Regardless, I can tell you I am motivated and more than excited to face the challenges ahead and to try to make a difference!

Why do I think I can make a difference?

Firstly, I am highly motivated because I truly believe we are one of the best Jewish communities in the world and we have room to get a whole lot better. In terms of size, we are small enough to come together as a community fairly easily, yet large enough to have the critical mass and dollars to do interesting things.

Secondly, my JCC experience locally, nationally and continentally provided me with exposure to and insights from a grassroots perspective, which I believe is essential to moving Jewish communities forward today.

Let me explain to you what I think the problem is with federations generally in North America. In a nutshell, it has to do with an outdated and undue focus on money and a difficulty in finding ways to effectively partner with other community agencies.



Federation Report

Ron Prehogon
Chair

Federations are perceived as the raiser and allocator of funds. For us to improve, we need to be, and be seen to be, not only the community moneybags, but also an organization that builds community. We need to relate to people at their respective levels, respond to their Jewish needs and stimulate involvement and contribution.

Being Jewish in Ottawa is very different today. Historically people gave money and time because they were supposed to. You had to join the JCC and a shul, send your kids to Hillel Academy and Camp B'nai Brith. Today, people have an array of choices, including the choice with respect to their philanthropy and involvement, both inside and outside the Jewish community.

So how do we get people to want to get more involved in our community?

We do it by exposing people to opportunities that help them grow Jewishly in rewarding and enriching ways, whether or

not their expression of being Jewish accords with our own.

Connecting at the grassroots level is something that federations are ill-equipped to do. Federations complain that other community agencies only want them for their money, yet they might not realize that they help feed that very perception.

A UJA Mission to Israel like the one we just had was a truly memorable and remarkable experience for me, as well as for most of the people on the trip. It is, however, still the community trip to Israel. The fact that it is a UJA Mission signals to the community that it is all about the money. While community leaders recognize that it is not all about the money, it's the perception.

The primary message to people must change from "I want your money" to "I want to help you along your Jewish path." Some people may not have begun the walk down their Jewish path – we can help点燃 the Jewish spark inside them. The message of caring over money must be sincere and the priority of who and what we do at the federation.

The schools, synagogues, SJCC, JFS, Hillel Lodge, Tamir, are the agencies that have a direct connection with the people of our community. As a federation, our prima-

ry goal should be to work with our agencies to provide an organized, coherent and unified approach to the community based on a common vision. While fund-raising and fund allocating will continue to play a vital role in the federation operations, it is time for us to get more serious about our community-building role.

In that regard, I am pleased to announce that, at the first meeting of our new board later this month, I will be asking for approval to create a new officer's position called "Officer in Charge of Community Development" and to name Rona Shafrazenbaum to fill that role. Throughout Rona's involvement with the Vaad, she has demonstrated a consistent commitment to causes such as Jewish education, outreach and helping the disadvantaged. I can think of no better person to take on this important new role than her.

We are clearly poised to do great things. The Jewish Federation of Ottawa is more than a new name. I look at it as a unique opportunity to grow our community from where it is to where it ought to be. With our new governance structure finally in place thanks to the vision of Stephen Greenberg in creating the Strategic Planning Task Force, the direction of Gerry Levitz in

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Israel and the holy land our mission to fulfil

"Ladies and gentlemen, we will be landing in Tel Aviv in a few moments," the captain announced over the PA on Air Canada flight 086. The excitement was palpable on this flight en route to Israel, an airplane full of Jews from different backgrounds, young and old, including a birthright group from Winnipeg, visitors from Toronto and our own UJA Mission from Ottawa. We were all excited to get home to Eretz Israel and spontaneously burst into a chant "Hineinu Shalom Aleichem ...".

It is amazing how we can live anywhere in the world, but our connection to Eretz Israel never ceases to exist.

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Israel is the holy land not because peo-



From the pulpit

Rabbi Menachem Blum
OTC Chabad

ple make it holy; Israel has an intrinsic holiness of itself even when the people in it are unholy. As physical human beings, we may wonder, what does it mean that the land is holy? How can a confined place be described as holy? What is it about Israel that makes it holy? When we think of holiness, we think of something not tangible, something spiritual. Giving charity, prayer, innocence, community service is holy, but a geographical place?

Our sages tell us that God created the world because "God desired to have a dwelling place in the lowly worlds." We were created in the physical world because God desires that we transform our world and make it holy and since God created everything consequently within all that exists there is Godliness and we have to reveal it.

Another thing to keep in mind is that God is above limitation and not exclusive to the spiritual. He created heaven and earth, the spiritual and the physical, and therefore He can merge the two. God gave us the tools to transform the physical and make it holy when we stood at Mount Sinai and received the Torah that deals

specifically with our physical matters. It is no great accomplishment to bring Godliness into something that feels spiritual, taking something that seemingly doesn't resonate and is not receptive to Godliness and transforming it, that is an achievement and that is what God wanted with creation.

To help us and show us that it is possible, God took one piece of land and made it holy "Israel – The Holy Land" and from there it is our turn to continue the process in transforming every place until the entire world will be holy by our efforts. There is holiness in space and it is our job to reveal it.

It is interesting to note that for the most part of our history we have not been in Israel, perhaps it is because Israel is already holy. We needed to be scattered to the four corners of the earth because there is Godliness there and our job is to reveal it.

Coming back from a wonderful mission to Israel and celebrating Shavuot the giving of the Torah reminds us to fulfil our mission on earth and inspires us to transform everything we come in contact with (including a modern airport terminal) and reveal the Godly that is within.

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It may have been the smallest Jewish community he has ever worked or lived in, but veteran fundraiser and Israeli shaliach Marty Davis is impressed with the growth, health and vibrancy of the Ottawa Jewish community.

And before he leaves, he wants to help it become even greater.

Davis and his wife Terri will be returning to Israel in August when their son, Yitzhak Rabin High School graduate Barak, begins his military duties.

During his four years in Ottawa, Davis served as director of UJA, executive director of OJCF (2001-2004) and his present position, shaliach/director of the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment Fund.

Davis believes that, to ensure the future of the community, it needs to have the best Jewish education available for its children, social programs for those in need, and a strong Jewish cultural institution.

Although Ottawa has all the building blocks to make the community great, including a very good high school that Davis feels is in itself a phenomenal accomplishment, he knows the major problem for all agencies is lack of funds and the inordinate amount of time spent on fundraising.



Editor

Barry Fishman

"The solution to this problem is an endowment fund that will take the pressure off fundraising and put the emphasis on service providing," he said.

Davis, with the help of Charles and Rose Taylor, Irving and Ethel Taylor and Chuck Merovitz, is working exceedingly hard to raise \$40 million to help take the pressure off community organizations.

That is the way to turn a "very good community with good service into a great community with great service," he says.

He is asking community members to contact him with their pledge to the community endowment fund.

Davis is especially proud of the community's support for Israel during the rally on Parliament Hill, for its support of the UJA Israel Relief fund and the incredible accomplishment of having 400 Ottawa Jews visit Israel in the past four years on missions.

It was, he says, a great way to build community.

"The missions gave people the opportunity to meet fellow Ottawans whom they never knew before. It also gave us a large presence, for a small community, in Israel at a time of great need for support."

Ottawa, he says, is "a small community that is bigger than themselves."

He is especially proud of the volunteers who shared in his vision to create excellence in the Jewish community and in his obsession in getting more people together, regardless of their backgrounds and beliefs, to work for the betterment of the community.

"It is an amazing accomplishment to see that we can go beyond our individual beliefs to recognize that greater belief of peoplehood, nationhood of the Jewish people."

When he returns to Israel, Davis plans to put together a report for other smaller Jewish communities on how they can use the "Ottawa model" in helping them succeed.

He believes the new federation will help Ottawa change with the times and make the community stronger.

Davis has made a positive impact on the community through his work in organiza-

nizing the mission trips, his fundraising expertise, his work in making the AVIV Festival a truly Ottawa community event and his recent work on the endowment campaign.

He will be missed.

During his time in Ottawa, Davis always tried to get people to feel good about their Jewishness.

"I tried to get Jews to understand that being Jewish is a good thing. To recognize they don't need to be ashamed, afraid or apologetic. The values they think are Canadian are for the most part Jewish values that were in existence thousands of years before there was a Canada."

Davis is looking forward to having the many friends he and his wife Terri have made over the past four years visit them in Israel.

In honour of the Davis family, the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation has established the *Marty and Terri Davis Israel Chessed Fund* to help poor children in their hometown of Askelon, Israel.

"Your support of the fund will connect you with the Davis family, but more so with the needy children of Ashkelon for years to come," he says.

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Canadian politics almost as interesting as Israel's

Have you had a pleasant, relaxing spring? I hope so.

Done a little gardening? Opened up the summer cottage? Checked out the Tulip Festival? Sounds great.

Then again, perhaps you work within five blocks of Parliament Hill. Maybe you are a politician yourself. Or a political aide. Or a political journalist. Or even a plain old political junkie.

If so, there's little chance you've had a relaxing spring. In fact, it's hard to remember a more frenzied season in recent Canadian politics.

Damning testimony at the Gomery Inquiry. Irate vows to bring down the government. Hostility in the House of Commons. Unprecedented televised appeals by party leaders. Volatile polls. Volatile alliances. Heated accusations. Defections. Personal betrayals. Frantic deal-making. Secret audio recordings. An election avoided by a single, dramatic vote.

Did I miss anything?

In such a super-charged atmosphere, anything seems possible. Locusts consume the laws on Parliament Hill? Sure, why not. A visiting Queen Elizabeth orders public beheadings of trash-talking MPs? Feels like par for the course.

The evening of May 19 – after Belinda Stronach and Chuck Cadman cast their Yea votes, after Peter Milliken made histo-



Alan Echenberg

ry as the first-ever Speaker of the House to cast a tie-breaking vote on a confidence motion, after the minority government won a stay of execution and an imminent election was no longer imminent – a gaggle of journalists gathered at a downtown pub, sapped from documenting the twists and turns of previous weeks.

"Can you imagine," asked one, over the second or third round, "if we had to start covering a real election tomorrow?"

Indeed, the whole spring already felt like one big campaign – and an especially mean, dismal one at that. Backroom shenanigans and mudslinging ruled the day. A government preoccupied with its own continued existence instead of ... well ... governing; an Official Opposition showing a talent for indignation but offering little sense of what it would do differently given the chance.

The narrow vote on May 19 may have provoked a short Campaignus Interruptus, but the nastiness continued into the early

days of June. And with an election call promised by the prime minister within months, the tone is not likely to change.

An evenly divided Parliament, coupled with evaporating goodwill on either side of that divide, promises to create more difficulties in carrying out the business of Parliament.

The Liberals made a budget deal with the NDP to win their support in the House of Commons and save the government. But two weeks after the vote, it was unclear when that budget would get through a committee dominated by the other two parties.

A prime minister who came into office promising "transformative change" must now content himself with survival by hook or by crook – via a succession of deals of some sort or another. Does anyone really expect transformative change – or any bold legislation of any sort – during the remaining days of this Parliament?

One more thing: in the absence of a dramatic shift in the polls, the results of the coming election don't promise a respite. In fact, an even narrower minority government – with either Liberals or Conservatives in charge – is a strong likelihood.

For the non-political-junkies among you, in the world outside of five blocks around Parliament Hill, this spring may

have confirmed your worst impressions of the profession and its practitioners. For some Canadians, polls show, the reaction has been "a pox on all their houses."

When politics runs this hot, everything gets politicized, and that can sit badly with some. When a cancer-stricken MP contemplates skipping crucial surgery for a confidence vote, it's easy to doubt the political class has its priorities straight.

Similarly, when a solemn Holocaust memorial ceremony on Parliament Hill attended by all party leaders becomes fodder for little more than an endlessly repeated newspaper photo of Stephen Harper and Gilles Duceppe whispering to each other in a vaguely conspiratorial manner, it may not seem if anyone is paying attention to the stories that matter most.

But perhaps some perspective is needed. I got some four days after May 19. On Victoria Day, an Israeli-born friend and I discussed the goings-on in Parliament: the horse-trading and the acrimony; the shifting loyalties and the unpredictability; the disproportionate power wielded by the party with the fewest seats.

My friend was untroubled by any of this. He found nothing about it unhealthy. In fact, it seemed to him that Canadian politics had recently become almost – but not quite – as interesting as the version practised in Israel.

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Inaugural speech highlights

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ensuring that the task force report be completed before the end of his term and the determination of Arnie Vered in having the structures in place before the end of his term, we are now starting with a clean piece of canvas and it is up to us to make of it what we want.

During my Israel Task Force trip to Israel in November 2003, with my small group I spent an hour on Shabbat with Avraham Infeld, one of the most dynamic speakers in the Jewish world today. He talked to us about inter-agency relations and about agencies focusing too much on their respective tasks and not enough on their common missions.

The great benefit that we have as Jewish organizations, he said, is that our missions are the same, which is the significant continuation of the Jewish people. He told us that the executive director of every Jewish organization should get up each morning and ask

him or herself the following question: "What am I going to do today to help ensure the significant continuation of the Jewish people?"

The new governance structure that we are starting with tonight was designed in large part to free up our executive directors and the organizations they run to do more meaningful things. The more effective we are as organizations the more we can focus on the things that really matter. Focusing on the things that really matter is what allows us to grow as a community and what makes getting involved both rewarding and fun.

Indeed, we have choices today that previous generations did not have. However, being Jewish and growing Jewishly in Ottawa is one of the best choices any of us can make as far as I am concerned.

It's up to you and me to set the table for the people in our community, young and old, to make that choice.

I look forward to the ride with all of you.

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Variety of classes offered at JET Yarchei Kallah week

By Lauren Shaps

School may be finished for the kids, but July brings a week of exciting classes for adults at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

Beginning, Sunday night, July 3, and running through July 9, the JET Yarchei Kallah provides the opportunity to join with many others for a variety of inspiring classes and lectures. Last year, over 200 people participated in some or all of this special week.

The program provides entry-level classes for beginners and more advanced classes for those with a stronger Jewish education. There are classes for history buffs and for those with an interest in Jewish text, philosophy and practice, as well as Hebrew reading.

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Dr. Abramson will teach the History of Jewish Life in Pre-war Europe each day from July 4 to 8 and will give an evening lecture series of power point presentations, Sunday through Thursday nights. His topics include: *Spiritual Heroism During the Holocaust. The Image of Horred: The Jew in Medieval Art. Romancing the Shtetl: Courtship in Pre-war Europe and The Lost Wooden Synagogues of Eastern Europe*, a film presentation and discussion.

A perennial favourite, Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum, will return to teach classes in Talmud, Chumash and philosophy. This year's topics

include the story of Jacob and the nagging question of how a man of truth cheats his brother and lies to his father.

Another class offers a look at the Book of Ruth and the issues of intermarriage, conversion, loyalty and challenge, as raised in the text.

His philosophy class will address the question of the balance between faith in God and our own effort. How much do we leave to God? And how much must we do on our own?

Other highlights include a daily lunch-and-learn with topics such as *The Jewish View on Astrology, Magic and the Occult and Dreams and Nightmares*.

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The week will climax with a Shabbaton at Machzikei Hadas where Dr. Abramson will speak about *Strategies for living Jewishly in a Secular World and North American Jewry. Demographics, Economics and Prospects for the 21st Century*.

The great sage Hillel reminds us, "If not now, when?" Make this the year you join JET for a week of engagement, enlightenment, enrichment, and enjoyment.

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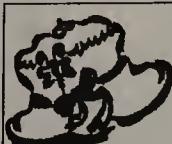
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Kardash Memorial Lecture evening a resounding success

By Lewis Levin

Six months of planning, co-ordinating, meeting, telephoning, contracting and networking culminated in an uplifting evening of heartfelt reminiscences and inspirational teachings at the Jewish Youth Library's *David The Bear Kardash Memorial Lecture*. The warmth that David brought into a room in life came alive once again in the social hall and sanctuary of Machzikei Hadas Synagogue.

The evening began with a meet-and-greet cocktail reception. *Bear* stories abounded amongst friends, family and business associates. Dennis Prager, the featured guest speaker, wandered comfort-

ably through the room introducing himself, engaging in conversation, and posing for photo-ops on demand. Running in the background was a Power Point presentation created by Bina Ester Botwinik showcasing a variety of programs and activities offered by the Jewish Youth Library.

Rabbi Mordecai Berger extended a warm welcome to the crowd followed by Arnie Vared who offered greetings and good wishes from the Vaad Ha'Ir. Sandra Zagon shared some of her memories of growing up with *The Bear*. Although her reminiscences were personal, they represented the essence of *The Bear* and the love he seemed



(Above) Dennis Prager (back row, far right) and members of the committee that helped organize the memorial lecture (Photo: Sylvia Klein). (Right) Alex Kardash thanks the JYL for the special evening in honour of his late father (Photo: Howard Sandler).

to inspire from everyone who knew him.

The formal part of the program began with Cantor P. Levinson's chanting of the Kail Maleh prayer followed by a video presentation by Rabbi Reuven Bulka, who was unfortunately unable to attend the event. Louis Kardash, a cousin and business partner of *The Bear*, shared some of his memories of David, not only as a family member and business partner, but as a mentor and friend who helped him chart the course of his life.

Bear's son Alex delivered warm wishes from his mother, Margie, who, because of

illness, was unable to participate in the memorial event.

On behalf of the family, Alex thanked the JYL for having chosen his father to memorialize and all of those who planned and attended the event to make it such a resounding success.

Barbara Crook provided a brief but very personalized introduction of the featured speaker. Dennis Prager took the stage and he didn't disappoint. A rapt audience of approximately 350 sat quietly mesmerized by his words and thoughts on happiness.

His message was clear. He equates goodness with happiness. People who are happy,

in general, treat others better. Dennis praised *The Bear* for the courage he must have had to transition from a partner in a prestigious law firm to a baker.

How fitting it was that Prager's happiness theme



was associated with one who brought so much happiness to all he touched.

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Park fitting memorial to 21 Dolphinarium victims

By Wendy Ellman

(IPS) For the past four years, Irena Sklyanik has kept the bedroom of her daughter Yulia, dead at 15, just as Yulia left it, the bed covered with stuffed toys, the walls covered with posters.

Simona Rudin's father cherishes the memory of his daughter, aged 17 when she died, by dancing the salsa, as they once danced it together. Simona's mother has made her daughter's room a virtual shrine of photographs, flowers and candles.

In the once-laughter-filled Nalimov home, the mother and grandmother of Yulia and Yelena, 16 and 18 years old at the time of their murder, the memorial is a cavernous silence.

All the parents of the 21 youngsters whose lives were cut short by a suicide bomber

on Friday, June 1, 2001 as they waited outside a popular beachfront discotheque opposite Tel Aviv's Dolphinarium, nurture the memory of their dead children in their own way. After this June, they will have a special place in which to do so.

"The memorial we chose to build is a park with a children's playground," says Irena. "Those who died at the Dolphinarium were youngsters who never got a chance to become parents. Even though their children and our grandchildren will never be dead, life goes on and there are still children to whom we can bring joy."

The one-acre Memorial Park in south-east Tel Aviv is the result of four years of grief-filled rebuilding among the families. Most of the victims, along with 164 more

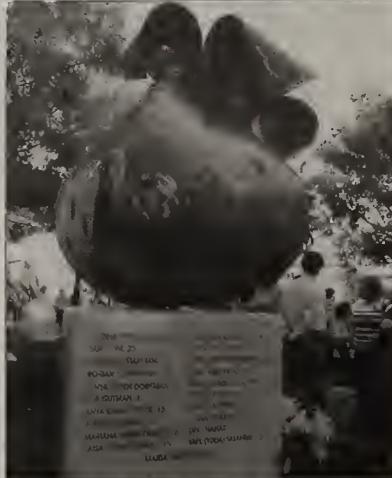
who were injured in the bombing, were high school students who had immigrated to Israel from the former Soviet Union during the 1990s. Roman Janashvili of Bat Yam, for example, had come to Israel from Soviet Georgia in 1994 with his brother and his mother Zena.

"I moved my family to Israel for the sake of my children," says Zena. "I'd been a teacher of Russian in Georgia, but in Israel I worked as a cleaner and I did it gladly for my sons. Now Roman is dead. He lived only 21 years."

"Trauma and tragedy happen both to new immigrants and veteran Israelis," says a psychologist who works with the support group created by the Tel Aviv municipality for the bereaved parents.

Newcomers, however, usually have a far harder time coping because they rarely have the same social network, financial resources or workplace support of those who've lived here for many years. Still reeling from the trauma of immigration, it's another mighty blow."

"We didn't all know one another when our children died," says Irena. "We met in the support group. Some of



In the centre of the new Memorial Park rises an imposing copper pomegranate mounted on a large jagged stone on which are inscribed the names of the 21 who died.

(IPS photo)

us became more involved, others less, but we all knew it was important not to forget or to let others forget. Our murdered children are part of the history of Israel and deserve to be memorialized."

The idea of the park grew slowly. The bereaved families first planted olive trees, put together a booklet about their children, made a DVD and created an exhibition shown in Israel and abroad – all designed to reach beyond static photographs and show how their children had lived. It was in this spirit that they

told the Tel Aviv municipality that they wanted a living memorial to their children, not simply an engraved stone at the place they had died.

"The idea of a physical location dedicated to these youngsters became increasingly important with each anniversary of their death," says a spokesman for Tel Aviv Mayor Ron Huldai. "As they're not buried in one single cemetery, there was no obvious site for a memorial ceremony."

The idea of a park was eagerly accepted by the par-

ents. From five locations offered by the city, they chose Yad Eliyahu, a neighbourhood that is home to many new immigrants and many children.

"A park existed on the site, but it was bleak and rundown," says Irena. "We started to look for the money needed to revive it. With help from friends of the Tel Aviv Foundation in England, we found it. Most of the money came from a group of 40 London families who understand our pain."

Israeli landscape architect Haim Kabanovich was charged with rebuilding the one-acre site. He has designed a lyrical oasis of paths, shaded seating areas and play areas, amid flowers and lawns. In the centre of the park rises an imposing copper pomegranate sculpted by Aharon Ben Arieh, mounted on a large jagged stone, designed by Varda Givoli, on which are inscribed the names of the 21 who died.

"Are we pleased with the park?" Irena asks. "Yes, very pleased. Is it enough? No, nothing can ever compensate our children or ourselves for the years stolen from us.

"But we must be realistic. Nothing will bring them back. This park is all we hoped it would be and more. It reflects youth and happiness, it is alive and joyous. It is a fitting memorial."

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Les Kom new president Ottawa chapter CFHU

By Shelli Kimmel

The Ottawa chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (CFHU) recently held its first President's Reception at the home of Myrna and Norman Barwin. The event marked the turnover of chapter presidents from Sunny Tavel, who has been in the position for two and a half years, to Les Kom.

Over the years, the Ottawa chapter of CFHU has

functioned like a roller coaster, with many high points of activity interspersed with a number of inactive times. During his tenure as national president of CFHU, Stephen Victor believed in order to ensure the success of the organization locally, there needed to be strong leadership coupled with a professional staff person.

In 2002, Victor approached Sunny Tavel and asked her to take on the pres-

idency of the Ottawa chapter. In his thank-you remarks to Tavel, Victor talked about her dedication and tenacity, her unwavering support for any organization with which she becomes involved and the ability to get the job done.

Tavel came to CFHU with a long list of volunteer experience, including CJC Parliamentary Dinners, many leadership positions in UIA and the Vaad and a host of other events.

In her remarks, Tavel spoke about the impact Hebrew U had on her own family, with one of her daughters having attended two summer sessions there. She spoke of the amazing history of the university, founded by the likes of Martin Buber, Sigmund Freud and Albert Einstein, the high calibre of the professors and the excellent reputation of the university throughout the world.

Tavel then introduced Les Kom. Originally from Montreal, Kom has called Ottawa home since 1978.

A financial planner, Kom has a varied history in volunteer work. He has served as a mentor at the Ottawa Boys and Girls Club, VP of the Youth Services Bureau and worked for United Way. Within the Jewish community, Kom was chair of the Akiva Evening High School, a member of the Vaad Priorities and Planning Committee and sat on the board of the State of Israel Bonds.

For more information on the activities of CFHU, to become involved in the chapter, or for contribution opportunities, please contact Shelli Kimmel, Ottawa chapter director, (829-3150; e-mail skimmel@cfhu.org) or visit the website at www.cfhu.org.



Les Kom

nation to operate without a deficit.

Kom spoke fondly of his visit to the university with the CFHU annual Mission of Friendship. Those in attendance were struck with his passion for the university, which was clearly imparted as he explained details of his visit and some of the areas of study and research projects on which he had an opportunity to be updated.

Kom also touched on his vision for the Ottawa chapter of CFHU. The organization will continue bringing in high calibre speakers from the university and providing programs of excellence such as the annual Passover Luncheon and the Best of Hebrew U, next scheduled for September 22, 2005.

As a financial planner, Kom is especially impressed with the university's determination to operate without a deficit.



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Arabs and Jews gather over food to tackle Mid-East divide

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the group's meeting in May.

"We both live in Canada, and as Canadians we have to understand each other," said Bahja Reghai, many of whose childhood Jewish friends from her birth town of Rabat, Morocco, today live in Israel.

"I don't think there's enough dialogue between various communities. Dialogue is very important, since multiculturalism can also lead to ghettoization. I don't think we should allow that."

But creating frank yet civil discussion about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was not an easy task.

The participants spent the first few months simply getting to know each other, talking about children and food. "We were building up trust," said Ghanem of the initial period, "so that we could have a real discussion."

"It took quite a long time to get beyond simply having dinner and a pleasant social time. It also took a specific effort on our part to generate discussion that really was difficult," said Allan Moscovitch, a university professor and an active member of the Ottawa Jewish community.

It was only a few months ago that Moscovitch and Ghanem decided to model a



Ottawa Potlucks for Peace Members Allan Moscovitch (left) and Qais Ghanem at the group's May meeting.

discussion on a controversial and difficult topic in front of the group to break the mental logjam.

The topic was anti-Semitism and various commonly held views on Jews. To frame their conversation, the two used a notorious interview with Greek composer Mikis Theodorakis that appeared in *Haaretz* in 2004, and in which Theodorakis' rehashed some well-known anti-Semitic canards.

"It was a very difficult discussion, but we showed that it can be done," said Moscovitch. It was also an admitted eye-opener to many Arab participants about the depth of Jewish concern about safety.

"What I learned is that the sense of fear – which for me didn't seem real – is really real," said Reghai.

"I understood that it is not something that's put on and not an excuse for something else, but something rooted deeply in historical experiences."

Nowadays the conversation flows more freely and touches on many difficult subjects, such as the question posed by one of the group's Jewish members about whether any one of the Arabs in the group had anything good to say about Israel.

One of those answering that question was Monzer Zimmo, a Palestinian born in Gaza, who after 1967 could

not return to his family from Egypt, where he was attending university. His criticism of Israel and its government did not mean he was critical of Jews around the world, he said.

In fact, he added, even about Israel themselves he held two conflicting personal stories: that of the Jewish doctor and nurses who saved his father's eyesight and that of the Israeli bulldozers and tank that destroyed the olive groves at his family's farm.

"I like to think of the first story, even if on a collective basis there is more of the second," said Zimmo.

Still, Ghanem agrees that the people who attend Potluck's meetings are a select group: the ones who were willing to take on the difficult task of opening their ears and minds to stories and viewpoints contrary to their own. Many of them also see their mission as spreading the word to others in their respective communities.

"I think we have a role to play in extending that [dialogue] more broadly within this community and perhaps elsewhere in Canada if we can," said Moscovitch.

Canada now has the fourth largest Jewish community in the world and we

all have to live together here as Jews and Arabs and to find a better and easier way of doing that here, because we share many things even if we may disagree about the Middle East."

The group's grass roots character also offers an opportunity for these Arabs and Jews to escape the often mutually exclusive positions advocated by representatives of their communities.

"What we communicate here is that our communities are not just blocs, that we are all individuals within our communities and we all have different views and when an organization says that it rep-

resents all of us, it isn't true," said Reghai.

In a society where a growing number of ethnic and religious communities live side by side and struggle to assert not only their cultural but also their political identities, initiatives fostering dialogue have a unique role to play, Moscovitch said.

"It's invaluable to hear what people from the other side have to say, so that we stop making them either into the unknown – or even worse – and rather see people with opinions and experiences, and actually get to know them instead of only wondering and fearing what they might be."

Na'amot honours mothers at Mother's Day Tea

By Jodi Gitter

Na'amot Ozma's first annual Mother's Day Tea, chaired by Sharon Reichstein, was attended by 80 mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and sisters. Guests were treated to a beautifully catered arrangement of pastries, cookies and fruit.

A presentation about summer fashion by Melissa Shabinsky and a special slide show capped off the event.

One of Reichstein's goals as chapter president was to raise the \$6,000 needed to purchase and install a new play structure at the Na'amot Beit Eliezev Day Care in Jerusalem. The majority of money was raised through loving tribute cards, ranging in price from \$12 to \$36.

The funds raised by this event, as well as Ozma's annual January Auction



Sharon Reichstein (left) and Melissa Shabinsky

Fundraiser, surpassed everyone's expectations, bringing the grand total to just over \$7,000.

"After spending so many hours planning, preparing and finalizing all the details, I was so pleased with how everything turned out. We

surpassed our goal and made Mother's Day so special for all those who attended the tea," says Reichstein with pride. "Everyone was so generous and it turned out to be even more successful than I could have ever dreamed."

As guests arrived at the Aristocrat Hotel on Mother's Day, they dropped off their donation for Fairy Godmother, a non-profit organization dedicated to making prom night magical for Ottawa area underprivileged teens. Guests brought shoes and accessories so that the teens can celebrate their high school graduation with style and confidence.

Melissa Shabinsky is co-founder of Fairy Godmother, and it was so nice to see two non-profit organizations working hand in hand for such fabulous causes.

The women then made their way to their tables, and Shabinsky began her presentation about this summer's colours, fashions and must-have accessories. The fashionable garments and accessories were modeled by two of Ozma's members, Nathalie Felberg and Jodi Gitter.

Perhaps the highlight of the afternoon was the slide-show presentation of mothers and daughters who were in attendance and the "Reasons Why I Love My Mom" segment where children were videotaped in advance. Their mothers saw the video for the first time at the tea. There were few dry eyes in the house.

It was a truly lovely afternoon and Na'amot Ozma hopes to see everyone next year at the second annual Mother's Day Tea.

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Successful year for AJA 50+

By Sid Katz

Committee reports and the election of officers and directors for 2005 were the main items of business during the annual general meeting of Active Jewish Adults 50+ (AJA 50+) on May 30 at the Soloway JCC.

The Membership Committee report read by Secretary Elaine Wolfish, on behalf of Membership Chair Rhoda Zaitlin, highlighted that AJA 50+ has grown to 548 members in five years. Ages of the members range from 50 to over 90.

Sheila Silverman, communications committee chair, reported on the ways

AJA 50+ reaches its members, including three program guides per year, e-mails and a buddy system for those without e-mail.

Program Co-ordinator Paula Polisuk noted that 79 programs were offered in 2004. Total attendance reached 1,650. Polisuk will continue her role with an increase in hours to better reflect the growth and increased level of activity of AJA 50+.

Joyce Bellman gave the Revenue Development Committee Report. Revenue comes to AJA 50+ from a variety of sources, including membership fees, the federations

allocation, the Jewish Community Foundation and fundraising.

Estelle Gunner reported that the affordable housing project for which Action Ottawa had allocated funding did not proceed due to the withdrawal of one of the partners. However, efforts to provide affordable retirement housing for the Ottawa Jewish community will continue.

Treasurer Ken Kavanagh presented the financial statements, noting that once again income exceeded expenses for the fiscal year.

In the President's Report, outgoing President, Estelle Gunner, stressed the great strides that were made by AJA 50+ in five years, noting that many goals have been realized and that AJA 50+ is indeed a strong positive presence in the community. She expressed pride in the joint involvement between the SJCC and AJA 50+ for their mutual benefit and for the overall benefit to the community.

AJA 50+ has been an



Members of AJA 50+ outgoing and incoming boards, staff and volunteers.

(Photo: Sot Gunner)

exemplar to other groups in such roles as transportation by volunteers and programming for a diversity of people in the 50+ age group.

Gunner cited many individuals for their helpfulness and special efforts, including the volunteer drivers for their assistance with the very successful all-day Creative Connections joint AJA 50+/SJCC program. She made a special

presentation of a bouquet to Ruth Levitan, a founding member and founding president of the organization.

The slate of Officers and Directors for 2005-2006 was presented by Ruth Levitan and was unanimously accepted by the members present.

Joyce Bellman and Bert Blevins, incoming co-presidents, concluded the meeting with a combined salute and

thank you to Estelle Gunner for her extraordinary leadership as president over the past two years. She was presented with a plaque and a plant. Both Bellman and Blevins presented an optimistic outlook for the future of AJA 50+.

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Hillel Lodge hopes to surpass goal of 50 endowment funds in their 50th

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Hillel Lodge celebrates 50th anniversary

By Diane Koven

There was much to celebrate at the 50th Annual General Meeting of Hillel Lodge, the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged. From an idea that many considered unnecessary or unattainable, the "little lodge that could" has grown into a first-class facility that serves the community's senior population with honour.

In addition to the business meeting, the AGM served as the occasion to re-dedicate the Wall of Honour, which had been installed in the original Hillel Lodge building at 125 Wurtemburg Street. According to Stephen Victor, keynote speaker, the Wall "has been carefully re-crafted and contains all of the same brass plaques that were on the original wall... it is the Lodge's way of demonstrating its everlasting appreciation for all those families and individuals whose contributions over time turned the dream of a home for the aged into reality."

Recalling the efforts of Dora Lithwick to convince the community that such a facility was needed, Victor said, "It took 10 years to turn her dream into a reality. The names you will find on the wall of honour reflect years of dedication, sacrifice and generosity towards making the Lodge into both a reality and a better place to call our home. Possessed with a pioneer-like spirit, Mrs. Lithwick surrounded herself with people who shared her vision and strongly believed in the cause as she set out on her quest to build the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged."

Victor noted that members of the Lithwick family were in attendance to unveil the Wall of Honour and that members of some of the other founding families were there as well. Betsy Borden, daughter of the late Judge Jacie Horwitz who worked with Mrs. Lithwick and became the Lodge's second president, came from Toronto for the re-dedication ceremony.

Speaking after the meeting, Victor said, "I want to acknowledge specifically and single out one of the founders, Jacie Horwitz, whom I remember with fondness and respect and who made a major contribution to Hillel Lodge and our community."



Anna Wex, president of the Board of Directors of Hillel Lodge, presents a gift to Stephen Victor, who paid tribute to founding families at the 50th Hillel Lodge AGM. (Photo: Andrew Balfour Photography)

Awards were presented to outstanding volunteers for their service to Hillel Lodge during the past year. The Shalom Perel President's Award of Merit was re-named this year in memory of Shalom Perel who, wanting to ensure that future generations would have a Jewish home to care for their needs in their senior years, left a bequest of \$1.3 million, the most generous single gift the Lodge had ever received. The award was presented to Leonard Mandel, owner of PostLink Corporation, who has donated his company's services for the past eight years to facilitate all of the Lodge's community-wide mailings.

This year's recipient of the Outstanding Service Award, presented annually to a group or organization which makes a significant difference at the Lodge, is the Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association for providing the Lodge with a very significant interest-free loan, which has enabled the Lodge to spend its money on programs for residents rather than on servicing its debt.

Thelma Steinman, who passed away on November 7, 2004 at the age of 92, was known and loved by the entire Hillel Lodge family, having been active in many capacities throughout the 50-year history of the Lodge. She played an important role in ensuring that the campus capital campaign included funds to build the new Hillel Lodge. The highest award for volunteer service was this year renamed the Thelma Steinman Direct Service Award and, in addition, Steinman was named this year's recipient.

"She has been a part of Hillel Lodge almost since its inception 50 years ago. How pleased we are to honour her as we celebrate our 50th anniversary," said Stephen Schneiderman, executive director.

The Lodge has come a long way, but its needs are great. The Hillel Lodge Long-Term Care Foundation was established two years ago to be the umbrella organization for the Lodge's fundraising efforts.

Eric Weiner, the new chair of the Foundation, thanked its first president, Manny Agulnik, for his efforts in establishing it and helping to ensure it is up and running.

"Many people don't realize that government funding covers only the bare costs of basic healthcare," said Weiner. "This funding is not enough to supply all the extras our residents deserve and our community expects." To secure the future of the Lodge, endowment funds can be established with a tax-deductible contribution of \$1,000 or more, with the annual interest directed to support the donor's priorities at the Lodge.

"Our target is to grow our Foundation to \$50 funds in our 50th year," said Weiner.

Anna Wex, president of The Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge, thanked the board and staff, the donors and volunteers; Ingrid Levitz and her committee for organizing the evening; and Roz Kanigberg who compiled a photo exhibit on display in the hall.

Following the meeting, the re-dedication of the Wall of Honour took place and refreshments were enjoyed.



Members of the Horwitz and Lithwick families at the rededication of the Hillel Lodge Wall of Honour from Wurtemburg Street. (Photo: Andrew Balfour Photography)



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The presentation commemorating the end of the war was both touching and impressive. Each student played a part in bringing us back to those terrible times through the spoken word and song and, at the same time,

giving us hope that we will never live to see those horrors again.

The students showed great maturity under the artistic direction of morah (teacher) Bonnie Lyman. Evelyn Greenberg beautifully accompanied the students.

Also on May 8, parents, grandparents and even some great-grandparents were treated to the Grade 1 and 2 Chaggigat HaSiddur party.

In preparation for this special occasion, the parents joined their children on a

Sunday to decorate their Siddurim. Each parent also prepared a special dedication that was inserted into the Siddur.

The children sang, danced, and recited their individual portions with great enthusiasm. The children taught us what is in the Siddur, the importance of the Siddur, and how we thank God for all we have and can do.

One could feel the joy of the children and the pride of their families as they each showed off the beautiful Siddurim they received from morah Malca Leimovici.

A highlight of this moving ceremony occurred when the fathers and grandfathers held Tallitot above the children's heads, like a Chuppah, and everyone recited the Shechyanu together.

The children are now eagerly looking forward to using their Siddurim each class.

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Proud grandparents are Gloria Borts, Judith & Edward Borts and Vivian & Barry Kaplan; great-grandmothers are Sarah Marcovitch, Myrtle Borts, Gorda Kosiner and Jean Kaplan. Thrilled aunts and uncles are Lori & Jason, Amelia & Cary and Sarah & Daryl. Cousins Parker and Talya are ready to play! Shane is named in memory of Stella Stein and Arnold Berbrier.

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Judea Pearl visits YRHS

During his recent visit to Yitzhak Rabin High School, Judea Pearl spoke on the importance of tolerance between Jews and Muslims. His son Daniel, a Wall Street reporter, was killed in Pakistan by Muslim extremists.

On behalf of the YRHS Board of Directors, Marcia Cantor presented Pearl with a cheque for the Daniel Pearl Foundation.

The money will be used for one of the projects the Foundation is involved with – *Pearl World Youth News*.

This is a unique web-based news service run by high school students from countries around the world.

Beginning in early 2005, students have selected what issues get reported, write articles, edit copies and publish their articles on the new online news service.

School newspapers will be able to publish articles from the *Pearl World Youth News* to add an international component to their own papers.

Dr. Pearl asked for the



e-mail address of the teachers and principal of YRHS so that he could hopefully get the school involved in this project.



uOttawa honours late Hy Soloway

(left to right) University of Ottawa Chairman of the Board of Directors Marc Jolicoeur, Lawrence Soloway and uOttawa President Giles Patry unveil the official plaque to commemorate Hyman Soloway's contributions to the Ottawa community and his tireless efforts on behalf of uOttawa. Soloway was a member of the University of Ottawa's Board of Governors from 1990 to 2004. In 1998, the university established the Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law in his honour. The University named its newest residence after Soloway on June 2.



Star of David Hebrew School students celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut by making their own flags, singing songs, dancing the hora, eating Israeli foods and birthday cake and singing Hatikvah. As well, the Grade 2 students showed off their Israel projects.

In Appreciation

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all my friends, family and children for their generous gifts and donations in celebration of my 90th birthday.

A sincere thank you to everyone.

Mollie Fine

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Leona Adler Endowment Fund

In Memory of:

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In Honour of:

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In Memory of:

Lillian Taller by Paula and Manny Agulnik.
Ethel Greenbaum by Paula and Manny Agulnik.
Morton Tanner by Paula and Manny Agulnik.

In Honour of:

Adele and Jeffrey Sidney Mazal Tov on your 25th wedding anniversary by Paula and Manny Agulnik.

Paula and Manny Agulnik Happy birthday
Manny & belated birthday greetings Paula by Dorothy and David Toronto.

Dorothy and Leslie Martin Mazal Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Rachel Lily, by Paula and Manny Agulnik.

Marcia Saife and Ted Miller Mazal Tov on your marriage by Paula and Manny Agulnik.

Evelyn Greenberg Mazal Tov on your well deserved honour by Paula and Manny Agulnik.

Joy and David Kardish Mazal Tov on Josh's engagement to Ellen Goldblum by Paula and Manny Agulnik.

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and women who call
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time and enthusiasm by Ingrid Levitz.

The David, Harvey and Victor Kardish Family Fund

In Memory of:

Mickey Kostove by Gale, Victor and Sydney Kardish.

In Honour of:

Eva Kardish Wishing you a happy Mother's Day by Margo, David, Aaron and Gail Kardish.

Eve Benilo Mazal Tov on your Bat Mitzvah by Gail, Victor and Sydney Kardish.

Barbara Farber Mazal Tov on receiving the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award by Margo, David, Aaron and Gail Kardish.

Jenny Shinder Mazal Tov on receiving the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award by Margo, David, Aaron and Gail Kardish.

Marsha and Art Saper Mazal Tov on Mike's graduation by Margo, David, Aaron and Gail Kardish.

The Abraham Dubinsky Memorial Fund

In Honour of:

Bess Farber Wishing you a happy 100th birthday by Babe Dubinsky.

Marilyn and Willy Newman Mazal Tov on your 50th wedding anniversary by Bea Dubinsky.

Bea Dubinsky Wishing you a healthy and happy 90th birthday by Brian, Hailey and Leah Hochberg; Lisa, Lawrence, Michael and Jamie Sklar; Margo, David, Aaron and Gail Kardish; and Pauline and Archie Hochberg.

Nell Gluck Memorial Fund

In Memory of:

Bill Leith by Maureen and Henry Molot.

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Mother of Beverly Durand by Maureen and Henry Molot.

In Honour of:

Bess Farber Happy 100th birthday by Bertha and Abraham Klugberg.

Jess Overton Congratulations on your graduation by Bert and Abe Klugberg.

Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Isserlin Mazal Tov on the birth of your granddaughter by Maureen and Henry Molot.

Mr. and Mrs. Issie Scarowsky Mazal Tov on the birth of your granddaughter by Maureen and Henry Molot.

Sharon Pinslars Best wishes on your milestone birthday by Maureen and Henry Molot.

Evelyn Greenberg Mazal Tov on your honorary degree from the University of Ottawa by Maureen and Henry Molot.

Dr. Jozef Straus Mazal Tov on your honorary degree from the University of Ottawa by Maureen and Henry Molot.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Scott Mazal Tov on this extraordinary milestone by Maureen and Henry Molot.

The Nordau and Roslyn Kanigsberg Family Endowment Fund

In Memory of:

Howard Davis by Rozzi and Nordau Kanigsberg.

In Honour of:

Rozzi Kanigsberg Thank you for your talent,

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In Honour of:

Lillian and Morris Kimmel Happy and healthy Pesach by Brenda, Nathan, Jesse and Daniel Levine.

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Rabbi and Mrs. Bukiet and family Chag Sameach and a happy and healthy Pesach by Brenda, Nathan, Jesse and Daniel Levine.

The Cohen Family Wishing you a happy and healthy Pesach by Brenda, Nathan, Jesse and Daniel Levine.

Sylvia and Sol Kaiman Wishing you a happy anniversary by Lillian and Morris Kimmel.

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Josh Hellman by Lillian and Morris Kimmel.

The Bill and Phyllis Leith Family Endowment Fund

In Honour of:

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In Honour of:

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The Anne and Samuel Wex Family Endowment Fund

In Honour of:

Barbara Farber In honour of being awarded The Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award by Anna and Sam Wex.

Simon Wex's Yahrtzeit by Anna Wex.

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Vera and Malcolm Glube Mazal Tov and best wishes on the birth of your grandson Daniel Stuart by Anna and Sam Wex.

Fern Cohen Congratulations on your 80th birthday and may you have many more by Shirley Levinsky.

Anna Wex Mazal Tov on an incredible Hillel Lodge year by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz.

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In Memory of:

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Minda and Peter Wershof Congratulations on Andrea's engagement to Charlie by Marsha and Warren Black.

Evelyn Greenberg Congratulations on your recent honour by Inez Zelikovitz.

Jackie Gorenstein Welcome home and a happy 65th birthday by Lila Nathans and Len Polksky.

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Brother of Marina Squires by Morag Burch.

Bill Leith by Heidi and Stephen Polowin; and Ethel and Irving Taylor.

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Sunny and John Tavel Mazal Tov on your new grandson by Carole and Norman Zagerman.

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Sarah and Arnie Swedler Happy Pesach and continued good health with thanks for the book and your thoughtfulness by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

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Roz and Steve Farneth Mazal Tov on being honoured by State of Israel Bonds by Zelda and Leon Zelikovitz.

Yvette and Larry Aron Wishing you both a very happy anniversary by Ruth and David Max.

Alyce and Alan Baker Mazal Tov on Michael's engagement by Fuzzy and Max Teitelbaum.

Doreen and Ariel Arnoni Wishing you a very happy anniversary by Debi and David Shore.

Ingrid and Gerry Levitz Mazal Tov on the engagement of your daughter Stephan by the Residents, Staff and Board of Hillel Lodge; Phyllis Leith; Debra and Stephen Schneiderman; and Zelda and Leon Zelikovitz.

Gabi and Stephen Victor Mazal Tov on the engagement of your daughter Jodie by Zelda and Leon Zelikovitz.

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George Bruckman by Rosalie Shore and family.

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Adele Horwitz Thinking of you and wishing you a speedy recovery by the Residents, Board and Staff of Hillel Lodge.

Sara Shabsovy Wishing you a speedy return to good health by Sarah and Arnie Swedler.

Joanne Fisher Wishing you a speedy recovery by Roz and Stan Labow.

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BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

THIS summer, Joe Huniu is the new JCC Day Camp Director. Joe has put together a great program, and is really excited about his new position.

We recently spoke with Joe to find out about his background in sport and education, and his plans for this summer. "I have a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Alberta, and I'm qualified to teach K - 12. I am a specialist in Physical Education".

"Growing up, I played a lot of sports: basketball, baseball and football of which were my favourites. This summer I'm putting together a lot of new programming, including weekly field trips and, of course, lots of fun activities in the gym, indoor and outdoor pools, the art studio, and out on the playing fields. The field trips will be taking place once a week. We really tried to think of places that would be fun for the kids, and that would give the kids a safe and happy feeling."

Joe has two children of his own and they will be at the camp this summer too. "My kids are really excited for the summer. It's going to be great to be able to see them interacting with the other kids and having fun," he remarked.

Joe has spent the last couple of months putting together his staff for the summer. "We are a great team of people, who bring different strengths to the table, however; we all share one thing in common: a love for kids. Our staff, like to have fun, they are energetic and excited. This will translate to fun and excitement for the kids."

With Day Camp taking place in the beautiful air conditioned modern Soloway JCC this summer, Joe and his staff are going to give all the kids a great time, filled with wonderful memories. We're really lucky that someone like Joe, who has made a life commitment to children, has come on board this summer as our new Day Camp Director.

There are many exciting programs being offered by the Soloway JCC Summer Camps throughout July and August, including a variety of one-week Specialty Camps. Please see our program guide on line at www.jccottawa.com or visit the Centre and pick one up. If you'd like to speak with Joe or any other staff member associated with JCC Summer Camps, please contact Brenda Schafer at 798-9818 ext 265.

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT SAMEACH ISRAEL / By Roslyn Wollock

FROM babies to bubbles, Ottawa's Jewish community came to express its solidarity with the State of Israel. Agudath Israel Congregation was the venue for the joyous Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration marking Israel's 57th year of Independence.

Dalia Baker, wife of Alan Baker, Israel's Ambassador to Canada, opened the evening by expressing gratitude for the warm reception she and her husband have received from the community since their arrival nine months ago.

In his address to the audience, Ambassador Baker stated that the State of Israel and the Israeli people have every reason to be proud of their achievements during the short 57 years of their existence as a sovereign state and member of the international community. He continued by adding that Israel has become a world leader in many fields, including science, technology, medicine, culture and agriculture.

While extending good wishes to Israel on behalf of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre and its members, Board Chair Bruria Cooperman conveyed a message of pride felt by diaspora Jews at the valiant way Israel has struggled over the past six decades to preserve her freedom and identity as a Jewish people and Jewish nation.

This year's program, "If Only Birds," written by Sara Vered and narrated by Barry Karp, paid tribute to Israel's beloved songstress, Naomi Shemer. The song, "If Only Birds Could Speak Like Humans," imagines the many stories the birds would tell, if they could, as they flew over Israel. A number of her songs were performed by Raneinu Choir from Yitzhak Rabin High School, led by Sabrina Friedman, and the Hillel Academy Choir, directed by Ricky Grebler. A slide show produced by Penni Namer, beautifully portraying the people and the landscape of Israel, provided the backdrop for the evening's program.

The celebration concluded with a large assortment of delicious Israeli fare and Israeli dancing.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Sameach Israel.

A passage from Ezer Weizman's 1996 speech, and numerous poems and Hebrew songs paying tribute to Israel, were among the offerings presented by the students of Yitzhak Rabin High School, Hillel Academy, Soloway JCC Ganon Preschool and the Early Beginnings Multicultural Child Centre during the Yom Ha'atzmaut Flag Raising Ceremony held at the Soloway JCC on May the 12th.



FLORENCE MELTON SCHOOL INTRODUCES A COURSE FOR PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS AND A NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM

THE Ottawa Florence Melton School will end its second successful year with a June graduation and with two new expansions planned for September: a graduate program and a new Parent Education Program (PEP) for the parents of pre-school children.

Ottawa has been chosen as one of five new sites in North America (and the only location in Canada) to introduce a Melton curriculum specifically designed for the parents of pre-school children. The core two-year Melton curriculum has been adapted to help parents discuss Judaism with their young children and to gain the knowledge and confidence to answer their children's questions as they progress through the Jewish educational system. Parents will meet weekly over the course of 30 weeks with experienced teachers who will merge the study of traditional and modern Jewish texts with a perspective on child-friendly discussions.

The PEP program was designed at the request of the Avi Chai Foundation to promote Jewish literacy for parents and the retention of children in Jewish education. The Avi Chai Foundation subsidizes the program to make tuition costs affordable. "The PEP program will be a unique opportunity for parents of young children to study together and bank their knowledge for the challenges of raising Jewish children and sustaining their interest in Judaism through the teenage years. Children need to know that they are literally on the same page as their parents—that's why we do textual study," said Maxine Miska, Director of the Ottawa Florence Melton School.

On the other end of the continuum, over 40 people have completed the two-year Melton School and will receive certificates from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on Wednesday, June 29th, in a ceremony at the Soloway JCC. These students have taken four 30-week courses, including the study of Jewish history, ethics, life cycles and annual rituals in Judaism and theology. The Melton School is a magnet for life-long learners, and even before graduation these students have requested a series of courses to deepen the textual study they have engaged in for the past two years. The Melton School will offer several graduate courses beginning in September, including Israeli Literature, Maimonides' Thirteen Principles of Faith, a course on the history of Zionism, and an introduction to the Talmud.

Everyone is welcome to attend the graduation ceremony to honour the commitment to adult education demonstrated by the Melton School students. Registration has begun for the fall session of the Florence Melton School. Prospective students are welcome to attend a free sample class on June 23 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. For more information, call Maxine Miska at 798-9818 ext. 263 or mmiska@jccottawa.com.

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Ruach (spirit) is blowing into Ottawa from the Mediterranean bringing the Tzofim Friendship Caravan to its third concert performance. The Tzofim (scouts) Caravan, a group of highly talented Israeli teenagers, will perform songs and dances at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre on July 7th, at 7:30pm. Their repertoire is active and athletic and is sure to have the audience clapping and singing along.

The Caravan consists of 10 Israeli Scouts, ages 16 and 17, and two adult leaders. Each performer has grown up in the Israel Scouts Movement. In addition to their musical skills, they possess an impressive knowledge of Israeli history and fluency in English.

Tickets for the concert are \$3.00 for Soloway JCC members and \$5.00 for non-members. A pool party and BBQ at the Soloway JCC Outdoor Pool to welcome the Scouts to Ottawa will precede the concert.

On Friday, July 8th, the Tzofim Friendship Caravan will perform a morning concert for the JCC of Ottawa Summer Camps, then will travel to Camp B'nai Brith and Camp Gesher. Their concert tour, which was arranged by Howard Osterer, is sponsored by the Friends of the 39th Scouts Troop. For more information, contact Avivit Erlichman, Manager, Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program, at 798-9818 ext. 276 or aerlichman@jccottawa.com.

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The Soloway JCC's Ganon Preschool is committed to providing high quality Jewish learning and Jewish experiences. As a community centre-based preschool, our doors are open to all segments of Jewish life. It is a place where families of diverse background and practices will be comfortable.

Ganon Preschool provides a balance between child-directed and teacher-directed activities, allowing children to explore and expand their world. Children are encouraged to inquire, to evaluate choices, and to make decisions in an environment that fosters a positive self-image.

Ganon's educational philosophy is consistent with the developmentally appropriate practices advocated by the Association of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario (AECEO). Young children need the time to engage all their senses in a safe, supportive, and challenging environment.

We are excited to introduce a new program this September and a new character for young children - Peer K. Explorer - who gets his name from the classic Jewish text "Pirkel Avot, Ethics of the Fathers". Our new initiative, The Ethical Start Program, provides the tools to approach Jewish education from a different perspective. Our Ganon preschool will still emphasize traditional educational components such as numbers, colours, and the alphabet, as well as Judaic traditions such as Shabbat, holiday celebrations, knowledge of Israel, and values such as "tzedakah", or charity, and "chessed", or acts of loving kindness.

We challenge, enlighten and broaden children's horizons through a wide variety of experiences provided by a professional and loving staff.

The Ethical Start Program is a learning approach that works for all Jews, regardless of their level of observance. This new program will place education in Jewish values front and centre as a key component of our school curriculum.

Our early childhood education programs provide each child with the opportunity to develop his or her own creative, cognitive, social, emotional and physical self.

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The Mourning Sexton: A Novel of Suspense

By Michael Baron

Doubleday/Random House

Hardcover, 2005

From the moment you meet David Hirsch, the *gabbai* at Anshe Emes, you know you're going to like him. It's not just his quiet manner and deference to the elders of the synagogue who have adopted him into their shul, it's his humanity, which we, as readers, are privy to, as this poignant thriller unfolds.

Hirsch, we discover, was once a powerful attorney who, through his own hubris, greed and lust, ends up spending seven years in a federal penitentiary. We meet him a year out of incarceration, handling bankruptcy cases and trying to make amends for the detritus of his past life. But he hasn't bargained for the request of one of the congregants, Abe Shifrin, who – on the third anniversary Yahrzeit of his daughter's death – asks Hirsch to take on her case and bring him (and his late daughter) justice.

Reluctantly, Hirsch agrees and finds himself in the middle of a twisted plot of machinations and homicide involving the elite establishment of St. Louis, Missouri, with a client fast sinking into Alzheimer's, and his own life, and that of those around him, in danger.

He's aided (and hindered) by a great cast of characters. There's his immediate boss and old friend, Seymour Rosenbloom, an irreverent lawyer whose wit and bawdiness camouflage the dignity that lies beneath the wise-cracks. There's Hirsch's former cellmate, Jimmy Beau Redding, a computer hacking wizard whose tough-guy looks (broken nose, tattoos, and scruffy goatee) belie the food connoisseur and Marcel Proust enthusiast he is.

But cast aside, it's the plot itself that is so clever, with enough twists and turns to take readers on a dizzying and gripping ride and where, satisfyingly, all loose ends are tied by the book's end.

This is one intelligent, multilayered mystery with mood, nuance and good story-telling. It's a first novel for the author, who is also a St. Louis attorney. Let's hope it's not his last.

Codex

By Lev Grossman

Harcourt/Raincoast Books

Soficover, 2004

This unusual mystery revolves around Edward Wozny, a 25-year-old fast-tracking investment banker living in New York, who, at the start of a three-week vacation before moving to a new job in London, England, is sent to help out two former clients.

Bu the clients, apparently, don't need his banking skills. The Duke and Duchess of Bowmyr want him to unpack a library of old texts and catalogue them and, by so doing, find a medieval codex (or manuscript), for two entirely different reasons.

At the same time, Edward's computer-geek friend, Zeph, introduces him to an unsettling yet compelling computer game, which weirdly crosses over into his real life. Edwards's



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search for both the codex and the computer game becomes an obsession. And life and game overlap as Edward finds himself strangely drawn into a vortex of intrigue and to an especially bewitching medieval text.

This well-written tale by *Time* magazine's book critic is an interesting read.

Grossman has researched the rarified world of medieval scholarship – of temperature-controlled rooms and delicate parchments, of wooden book-covers and leather bindings, of special inks and script styles, of an exclusive society of scholars. He throws in "steganograms" (hidden, camouflaged messages incorporated into a book's text or illustrations, for example) just to complicate the plot even further.

And his descriptions of computer nerds, their game addictions and LAN parties, depict a surreal world that adds to the otherworldliness mood of the story.

Disturbed Earth

By Reggie Nadelson

William Heinemann/Random House

Hardcover, 2004

Having now read this fifth addition to the "Artie Cohen" series, I can see why it's developed into one.

Artie Cohen is an interesting character – a Russian-turned-New Yorker detective whose father was KGB and whose mother was Jewish. He's a Jew "who doesn't believe in G-d ... a New York Jew ... a Woody Allen Jew, a George Gershwin Jew, a Stan Getz Jew, a Mel Brooks Jew, and Billy Wilder and books by Philip Roth and all the rest." He's also a "thinking" cop, one who's seen his share of evil and is weighed down by its scars.

"People said the city had moved on ... People said we were over the worst. It wasn't true ... War was coming. Terror. Chaos. Some nights it hardly seemed like New York anymore; it seemed like a foreign country, some place in the Balkans, silent, cold, the hole in the ground lit up by the huge sulfurous spotlights, the masked men with automatic weapons."

In this "episode," the uneasiness of New York post 9/11 is palpable. It's in the air, it's just below the surface of a city trying to get back on its feet after severe trauma. Cohen finds himself involved in a missing children case that becomes personal, forcing him to return to the Russian community he despises for leads.

Nadelson knows how to tell a story and this is a real page-turner, as I gather are her other Cohen books. It's also moody and gritty, like New York itself.

Nadelson's style of writing – clipped, informal – keeps the pace moving, and her depiction of the city that never sleeps is atmospheric.

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Secret lives: Part One

Because I'm being inundated with absorbing books about people who lead secret lives, I'm making that my summer theme. It doesn't promise "intrigue" in the secret agent/police/detective story sense. Rather it promises unsettling, sometimes dangerous, unknowns and an urge to wonder "what if that had been me?"

No One Must Know
By Eva Wiseman
Tundra Books 2004
194 pp. Ages 10 and up

I've chosen the historic novel *No One Must Know* to lead off this series of columns for three reasons:

- It is set in 1957 Winnipeg, a time when I still lived there, though my personal experience of incidents similar to those mentioned in the book are generally from an earlier period.
- It is reminiscent of the well-publicized story of Ottawa's Sheridan family. If kids want to delve further into this theme, they need only visit *The Ottawa Citizen* archives.
- It is skillfully written and published by Canadians who are willing to tell "it" like "it" was.

The "it" was the existence of virulent widespread Canadian anti-Semitism before, during, and after the Second World War. Despite Irving Abella's book, *None Is Too Many*, that heinous secret is seldom mentioned in Canadian Kid Lit, or for that matter, in Canadian history books.

In this extraordinary novel, however, anti-Semitism is a harsh reality that suddenly seeps into a pleasant day at the beach and into our protagonist's life. Seemingly innocuous incidents take on darker meanings until multiple layers of secrets are exposed.

To begin at the beginning, the Gal family seems the epitome of South-end Winnipeg society. Alex, short for Alexandra, 13, is a proud Catholic cross-wearing teen. She has lots of friends, especially best friends Molly and Jean.

Although, in my opinion, her age and grade level don't match, she's in Grade 9, attends Sunday school and church and has just joined the Girl Guides. One curiosity. Her friends have been confirmed, but Alex's parents have



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refused to set a date for her confirmation.

Alex's father, Dr. Jonah Gal, is a respected family doctor who regularly plays squash at the sports club. He is super protective of his strangely behaving wife, Alex's mother, Agi, short for Abigail. And he seems to be inordinately concerned about earning a living for his family.

Agi uses a cane and walks with a limp. She doesn't go outside the home by herself, won't talk about the past in Hungary, suffers from migraines and, every so often, when she thinks she's alone, does some mysterious thing with her grandmother's silver candlesticks.

The action heats up quickly. A gorgeous new boy at the beach saves Alex from taking a soccer ball in the face. Before she can thank him, he crosses an invisible line onto Jew beach. Later he shows up as the new kid at school. His name, Jacob Pearlman. Alex is the only kid at school who befriends Jacob.

A Catholic-Jewish romance gradually begins to take shape. With it comes Alex's awakening to subtle, then not so subtle, anti-Semitism. The offensiveness of the expression "jew me down" suddenly takes on new meaning, as does the word "kike." Jean is no longer as friendly, but Alex doesn't know why.

Meanwhile, Alex has found old photographs hidden in her mother's dresser drawer, dated June 1944. One has the name Jukka written on it. Who are these women? Why does one of them look so familiar? Agi won't answer Alex's questions, though her father urges answers.

Worst of all, Agi is adamantly opposed to Alex seeing Jacob, claiming it's because Alex is too young to be dating,



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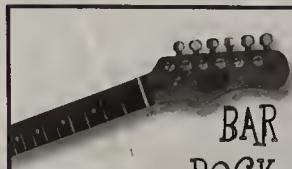
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but is it? Jacob's mother is equally opposed to her son dating a Catholic girl.

Layer upon layer of intrigue and unresolved quarrels come to a head when a mysterious letter arrives followed, a day later, by a stranger who's not a stranger to Alex's parents. Jukka Jukka's presence finally forces Agi to reveal the family's deep dark secret. The Gal family is Jewish!

Alex's reactions to that discovery, her parents' various reasons for living a lie and the repercussions, positive and negative, are handled with sensitivity and insight. Through it all, Alex's indomitable spirit and Jacob's innate sensitivity shine through.

No One Must Know is a poignant, gripping story that won't easily be forgotten.

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Ben-Gurion: a perspective on leadership

What can we expect from our leaders?

Questions about their integrity, competence, the values they profess and whether their achievements reflect these values are pervasive in Canada and other democracies.

A retrospective on the political career of David Ben-Gurion may be opportune as we approach the 2006 centennial of his arrival in Eretz Yisrael as a pioneer farm labourer.

His career and influence truly span the last 100 years. His protégés in the "Generation of 1948" – Ariel Sharon and Shimon Peres – are still making key decisions today.

Ben-Gurion was certainly controversial throughout his entire political career – from his beginnings in the Zionist youth of Russian Poland, through his pre-First World War emergence as (quite literally) a "Young Turk," until his final years, over 50 years later, as the Grand Old Man of political Zionism. Towards the end, he was at odds with the Labor Party (Mapai) that he had forged, and headed a breakaway splinter group.

Ben-Gurion was a realist in politics, and was single-mindedly ruthless in pursuing his objectives.

After building his base in the 1920s as head of the trade-union movement (Histadrut), and orienting the Histadrut toward a dual role as investor/manager of key economic and social institutions of the pre-State Yishuv, he consolidated the major political factions on the democratic left to create the Mapai party. He then worked in the Zionist movement and in the Jewish Agency to gain effective leadership for himself as the representatives of those who were living and working in Eretz Yisrael.

In so doing, he pushed aside Chaim Weizmann in all but his titular role.

By the outbreak of the Second World War, Ben-Gurion headed a shadow Jewish government in the Palestine Mandate. Contending with the formal institutions of British administration – particularly against stringent restrictions on Jewish immigration and development (the White Paper policy, which aimed at appeasing the Arabs) he coined the slogan: "We will fight the war as if there were no White Paper – we will fight the White Paper as if there were no war."

And he launched a drive for independence, which became internationally significant when, in the Biltmore Program (1943), he persuaded American Zionists to officially endorse it and to press for American support for Jewish independence as part of the shape of a postwar world order.

What strikes me is that, throughout his career, despite his twists and turns and tactical manoeuvres, Ben-Gurion stuck to a relatively short list of strong, clearly articulated basic principles – his core values and objectives.

I've compiled a list of six of these: three from Paul Johnson's summary of Ben-Gurion's key values when he was living in New York, exiled by the Turks during the First World War, and the rest from a statement that Ben-Gurion made sometime after the State of Israel was established.

1. Jews must make it a priority to return to the land, "the

settlement of the land is the only true Zionism."

2. The structure of the new Jewish community must be designed to assist this process; this required a socialist framework.
3. The cultural base of Zionist society must be the Hebrew language.

After the founding of the state, Ben-Gurion attributed "Israel's economic and cultural progress" to three things:

4. "The pioneering spirit ..."
5. "... The feeling of Diaspora Jewry that they are partners ... in Israel's resurgence ..."
6. "The power of science and technology which Israel unceasingly ... tries to enhance."

Despite the many changes that have occurred in Israel since Ben-Gurion's leadership, the Israel we see today is a testimony to the validity of these core values and to Ben-Gurion's lifelong commitment to realizing them. They are a living testimony to the fundamental integrity of his leadership and these achievements – rather than the bitter political and ideological quarrels which marked his days – will be his historic legacy.

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Expect the unexpected in Israel

I have just come back from a UJA community mission to Israel.

What a marvellous, exciting and, let's face it, confusing experience.

It started with the language. I discovered that "Me" in Hebrew means "Who" in English.

"Who" is "He" and "He" is "She."

And if you want to call a girl you say "Boy."

Talk about breaking the gender barrier.

If you want to go to the bathroom, you ask for services. Instead of taking care of your personal hygiene needs, you might end up at the welfare office.

Both English and Hebrew speakers have to watch their language. One of our mission members wanted to ask for two ice creams and so attempted to say "shtayim" or "two." Due to a very minor slip, he ended up asking for "shadayim" or "breasts." Fortunately, the Israeli ice cream vendor was a male and did not attempt any violence.

My own Israeli cousin told me with a straight face that the cranes blocking the road ahead were moving concrete "buggers" from one side to the other.

"Do you mean 'barriers'?" I asked him.

"Yes! That's right!" he exclaimed.

I then carefully explained why he should use the word "bugger" with care.

I tried to use different languages in Israel to fend off hawkers and beggars. When a man selling post cards approached me, I answered in Yiddish.

He asked if I spoke English.

I answered in Yiddish, "Nein, ich red nor Yiddish (I speak only Yiddish)."

He stopped, looked non-plussed, said nothing and gave up.

"Aha!" I thought. "I have a strategy!"

When a beggar approached me on Ben Yehuda Street, I tried the same trick. It didn't work. He answered in Yiddish.

"Je ne comprends pas," I tried.

"Vous parlez français alors," came the riposte.

I tried Russian. He answered in the same language.

Desperate, I used my small stock of Spanish. It was to

Humour me, please



Rubin Friedman

no avail. Finally, he took pity on me.

"I know how to ask for money in seven languages," he said.

How could I not show my appreciation? Impressed, I gave him a donation.

The trip organizers did their bit to confuse us as well. We were divided into red and blue groups, officially known as the red or blue bus. However the actual colour of the red group's bus was blue and the colour of the blue group's bus was red. People wanted to know: Was I on the red blue bus or the blue red bus?

To add to our challenge, when we moved to a new hotel, the people on the red blue bus had to tie a green ribbon on their luggage – for easier identification.

We visited many agencies supported by UJA. In one, we met Ethiopian Jews being assisted to integrate into Israeli society.

The program must be having some success. In Jerusalem, near the Western Wall, I met an Ethiopian Jew, with sidelocks and a beard, wearing a broad fur shteimel and dressed in a long striped frock coat with long white socks, in 30 degree Celsius heat. He even spoke a few words of Yiddish. Now that's extreme integration.

When I told my Israeli guide about whom I met, he shrugged. That's Israel, he seemed to say. Or as our other guide put it when describing the country, "Lo normali, zeh normali (the non-standard is usual)."

That was when I realized why I should stop being confused or surprised. When Jews from all over the world meet and live together, isn't that already "lo normali"?

What else should one expect – except the unexpected?

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Jun 24	8:37 pm
Jul 1	8:37 pm
Jul 8	8:34 pm
Jul 15	8:30 pm
Jul 22	8:24 pm
Jul 29	8:16 pm
Aug 5	8:07 pm
Aug 12	7:57 pm
Aug 19	7:45 pm
Aug 26	7:33 pm

TUESDAY JUNE 21
Hillel Lodge Telethon, Regional Group, 6:00 pm.
Talmudic Annual General Meeting, 7:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22
NCSY Backyard-All-You-Can-Eat-BBQ, \$5.00, 2357 Virginia Drive, 6:00-8:30 pm. Info: 262-6279.

Ottawa Torah Institute Graduation, Beth Shalom West, 1400 Colborne Avenue, 7:30 pm.

AJA 50+, The Couriers, National Library of Canada, 8:00 pm.

THURSDAY JUNE 23
Early Beginnings 15th Anniversary, Early Beginnings Day Care Centre, 11 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:00 pm.

Beth Shalom West Annual General Meeting, Beth Shalom

West, 15 Chartwell Ave., 7:00 pm.
Ottawa Jewish Historical Society Lecture, with guest speaker Jeff Polowin, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Colborne Avenue, 7:30 pm.

SUNDAY JUNE 26
Israeli Film Festival '05, "Watermarks" presented by the Embassies of Austria and Israel, Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington, 6:30 pm. & 'Columbian Love,' 9:00 pm.

Yitzhak Rabin Graduation Ceremony, Beth Shalom West Congregation, 15 Chartwell Avenue, 6:45 pm. reception to follow.

Chabad of Centrepointe Lecture, 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY JUNE 26

Hillel Lodge Sunday Evening Kosher Grill, 10 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:00-7:30 pm.

MONDAY JUNE 27
Hillel Academy Graduation, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Colborne Avenue, 7:00 pm.

TUESDAY JUNE 28
Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, Annual Meeting, 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm.)

SUNDAY JULY 3
JCC of Ottawa Summer Camps, Meet the Counsellor Day, 10:00 am.

Hillel Lodge Sunday Evening Kosher Grill, 10 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:00-7:30 pm.

THURSDAY JULY 7
Vared Israel Cultural and Educational Program & Friends of the 39th Scout Troop, present Tzofim Caravan, 7:30 pm.

SJCC Membership Appreciation & Israeli House Pool Party, 5:00 pm.

SUNDAY JULY 10
Hillel Lodge Sunday Evening Kosher Grill, 10 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:00-7:30 pm.

MONDAY, JULY 11
UJA 12th Annual Golf Tournament, Rideau View Golf and Country Club, 11:00 am.

SUNDAY, JULY 17
Hillel Lodge Sunday Evening Kosher Grill, 10 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:00-7:30 pm.

COMING SOON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
Temple Israel with Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO books and things sale,
Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 10:00 am.
Info and to volunteer: 737-5738 or 828-9817.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Jewish Federation of Ottawa Campaign Kickoff, featuring author and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel.
Westin Hotel, 7:00 pm.
Tickets: \$18 (\$10 for students),
Advance sales only: 798-4696, ext. 227.



Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

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May their memory be a blessing always.

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Issue



Mission makes connection with land and people of Israel

By Barry Fishman

On a warm, beautiful Friday night, a group of us gathered at the Western Wall to daven mincha and marriv.

As the sun began to set and birds swooped in and around us, attracted by the many voices that grew louder as Shabbat approached, it soon became evident this was an experience we would always remember. Attracted by the strong melodic voice of Cantor Shneur Bielak of Agudath Israel, others at the Kotel, regardless of religious affiliation, joined our minyan.

For Bob Dale, who recently lost his father, being able to look up at the wall as he led the mincha service was overwhelming.

"Being able to honour him there at the Kotel helped compensate in a small way for the painful loss I have suffered," he says.

All of us had smiles on our

faces as we joined with others singing, dancing and welcoming Shabbat. At that moment, we all felt connected to the land and people of Israel.

On a UIA community mission to Israel, there are many such moments.

It can happen when you visit an Ethiopian Absorption Centre and take part in a special three-step welcoming coffee ceremony in your honour; visit a school with close ties to Hillel Academy and meet students and teachers who are so happy to see you; enjoy a meal and conversation in the homes of Upper Galilee residents; interview a young medical student, who, whenever he has free time, volunteers at a soup kitchen; or walk along a Tel Aviv beach enjoying the unaccustomed and somewhat weird feeling of knowing that almost everyone around you is Jewish.

As you walk the streets of Jerusalem or visit ancient archaeological sites, you are overcome with a feeling that you are in your ancestral home.

Israel is all about making connections. Not just with Israelis, but also with your fellow mission participants. Without fail, everyone returns home having met someone new and with a stronger sense of community.

We got to know each other as we waited for hours in Toronto for our plane to take off. Unfortunately, we learned later, a bird had flown into the engine of the plane scheduled to take us to Israel. Eventually, the flight was cancelled until the next morning.

But not to worry. Our intrepid travel agent and mission participant, Sandy Granatstein, was soon organizing and helping the Air Canada agents find us all first class until the next morning.

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Mission participants enjoy their visit with students and teachers of HaNadiv Elementary School. The school is part of the Gesher Chai (Living Bridge) program and is twinned with Hillel Academy.

(OJB Photo: Barry Fishman)



Hazon Yeshaya's soup kitchen in Jerusalem: 'a mob scene.'
(OJB Photo: Barry Fishman)

One-third of Israeli children live below the poverty line

By Bob Dale

Israel's economy is in crisis. Its security costs have taken a toll, diverting much-needed funds from other government departments. Social service, health care, and educational organizations have suffered tremendously. Additional funding cuts are in works.

An important message conveyed to mission participants, throughout their stay, was that as a result of all the cutbacks, Israel's social problems may now be more significant than the problem of defending the state.

Take hunger.

One-third of all children in Israel live below the poverty line. Many leave school at 12:30 pm – the end of the school day in the country – and wander home to an empty refrigerator.

That's why children as young as seven often can be found scavenging the bins in shopping malls and begging for leftovers in cafés. Many are drawn into criminal activities, from stealing bread to running errands for drug dealers.

Hazon Yeshaya is an organization that tries to help these children.

Many neighbourhoods have set up supervised afternoon programs, where kids can receive help. Hazon Yeshaya provides

food for those programs, in Jerusalem and other cities. Those programs allow children to spend their afternoons in a supportive, nurturing environment; get help with homework; play games; learn crafts; and just be safe.

But Hazon Yeshaya's work is about more than food.

You see, hungry kids can't learn. Those who hang out on the streets can get drawn into a downward spiral of crime and delinquency. Hazon Yeshaya plays a key role in preventing that downward spiral from occurring.

Hazon Yeshaya doesn't just feed kids. Hundreds of Holocaust survivors receive food, on a daily basis, from this important organization.

In total, Hazon Yeshaya provides over 200,000 meals each month at over 60 locations. They're often the only meals people have in any given day.

We visited Hazon Yeshaya's soup kitchen in Jerusalem. It was shocking, and overwhelming. People were lined up, begging for food, their hands out, desperate looks on their faces.

It was a mob scene, reminiscent, in a way, of the videos we've seen on television from places like Somalia.

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Barbara Crook and Itamar Marcus
(OJB photo: Barry Fishman)

Marcus pessimistic about peace

By Barry Fishman

Itamar Marcus is worried. The director of Palestinian Media Watch (PMW), an organization that studies Palestinian society by translating its state-controlled media, expressed his concerns recently during the community mission to Israel.

Despite the relative calm in the region since the election of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Marcus and PMW North American representative Barbara Crook noted in their presentation to the mission that anti-Israel and anti-Jewish incitement and hatred are still widespread in Palestinian media.

Israel has, "unfortunately, put hope in front of reason and that is what keeps getting us in trouble," Marcus told the *Bulletin* following the lecture.

In December 2003, after months of going into Arab cities to fight terrorism, Israel was on the verge of finding a solution.

For the first time, Palestinian public opinion was turning against suicide bombings, and demonstrations against Hamas' firing missiles into Israel were taking place. Polls showed that 75 per cent of Palestinians believed the intifada had been bad for them.

Now, says Marcus, "Polls show that 75 per cent believe they gained through violence what they couldn't have gained through negotiations."

Since the announcement of the ceasefire and pullout from Gaza, terrorists have been rearming themselves with rifles, shoulder missiles and rocket-propelled grenades. And the Palestinian media today, he says, reflects the "glorification of violence which had been on the way out."

The rise of Hamas and Islamic fundamentalism in Palestinian society and Israel's "tendency to look away from violations in the hope that they will go away," worries Marcus. He believes it is the wrong message to send.

"It is not seen as a positive gesture; it is seen as Israeli weakness. And if they are weak, you can do more violent things."

Like many others, Marcus would like to be hopeful that something positive is about to happen in the Palestinian-Israel conflict. However, his study of Palestinian society tells him otherwise.

"There is a world, today, that is morally hopeful something new has happened. Right now, unfortunately, we are the bearers of negative tidings. It didn't really happen yet and people are trying to ignore it.

"The tragedy is, if we ignore the situation too long, we will end up in a much worse way than we were in the last four years. That is why we are trying to alert the Israeli people and the world today, so that we don't end up in the same mess."

Temple Israel Religious School students moved by Israel trip

By Isaac Viner

When my Temple Israel Religious School class got off the plane, a day late, we immediately got on a bus and drove three hours up north to meet our hosts at Emek Hahula High School.

I went from the start that we were going to have an amazing time with our fellow Israeli students. After introductions, we had a quick tour of the school, changed and hopped on a bus to go rafting on the Jordan River.

It was a good way to get to know our counterparts. Their English was incredibly impressive, considering they have been studying the language for only a year.

We all piled into rafts or kayaks and went off along the river. After we all finished, we walked back to the school and got on the school buses to go back to our host houses to get settled in and meet their families.

On Wednesday, we all met up at the school and got on our tour bus to go for a two-hour hike at Nachal Zavitan on the Golan Heights. After lunch, we were off to Canada Centre to shoot guns, swim and bowl. Then we left for

our hosts' homes.

Our last day with our counterparts was very sad, but also very exciting. We met up at the school with all of our luggage and left for the Omega at Manara Cliff. We had lunch at the top of the mountain and then we dropped the Israelis back at the school, said goodbye and left for Jerusalem.

We arrived in Jerusalem and joined the rest of the mission to say the Shehecheyanu. That night after dinner, we toured the Kotel tunnels.

The next day, we visited a reform elementary school in Bayit Vagan to meet some of the kids, teach them a song and play soccer. We then went to Yad Vashem to the new Holocaust museum.

We had our first Israeli shawarma lunch on Ben Yehuda Street and returned to the hotel to do a Middle East overview workshop with Neil Lazarus and get prepared for Shabbat. We left for services and then walked back to the hotel for Shabbat.

On Shabbat, we went to Hebrew Union College for services and then toured the old city. When it got dark, the mission got

together for Havdallah. After that, we left for Ben Yehuda Street.

Sunday, on the way to Tel Aviv, we went to Ammunition Hill and an archaeological dig at Beit Guvrin. Once in Tel Aviv, we stopped to learn about Rabin Square and later, at dinner, an Israeli fighter pilot spoke to us.

On our last day in Israel, we volunteered at Hazon Yeshaya Soup Kitchen, visited the Azrieli Mall Observatory and the Palmach Museum, had our closing banquet and then left for Ben Gurion Airport.

Israel is now a very special place for everyone on my trip. When someone asked us on the last day who wanted to come back to Israel, everyone in my group enthusiastically put up a hand.

Then he asked who wanted to live in Israel, and more than three-quarters of our group put up their hands... .

Israel has moved us in many different ways. It is a very beautiful country and helps Jews around the world connect.

I think every Jew in the world, whether orthodox or secular, should go to Israel at least once.



Isaac Viner (centre, wearing sunglasses) and fellow Temple Israel Religious School students all hope to return to Israel soon.

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Pen pals meet for the first time in Israel

By Barry Fishman

This year, around Passover, Nufar Sandler was cleaning her room when she came across letters and an e-mail address from her Hillel Academy pen pal, Arielle Kreisman.

The students had been writing and e-mailing each other in Grades 4 and 5 as part of the Living Bridge Project that twinned students from Hillel Academy with HaNadiv Elementary School in Metulla, Israel.

Now, four years later, Grade 9 Canterbury High School student Arielle Kreisman was surprised but delighted to hear from her old pen pal. The students began e-mailing on a regular basis.

Neither thought that they would ever meet.

That was until the Kreisman family, in Israel as part of the 2005 community mission, was enjoying dinner with a Metulla

family when Arielle's mother, Audrey, casually mentioned her daughter's pen pal. Before they knew it, their host got on the phone and Nufar and her mother Haya Sandler were visiting with the Kreismans.

"It was weird at first, but really cool," said Arielle.

"We had a great time; it was a blast," added Nufar.

Soon the girls were talking busily about music, movies, their friends and their love of dancing. Now that they have reconnected and met each other, they plan to continue to keep in touch. Arielle is hoping to visit Israel again soon and spend time with Nufar.

"They have been inseparable since they met," noted Haya Sandler the next day at a dinner for the P2K host families.

She is very appreciative of the Ottawa connection to her community. She says meeting the

Kreismans and other mission participants felt like being with family.

She was also overjoyed to meet Dr. Sid Kardash, the man responsible for helping to raise funds for a Magen David Adom ambulance now stationed in Metulla.

Haya, who is a volunteer driver, says the ambulance is used to rush to the scene "whenever something happens in Metulla" and is always available to help the army during any border incidents.

Haya believes the link to Hillel Academy and the Ottawa Jewish community has made a real difference to the people of the Upper Galilee.

"The connection the kids have made is beautiful. Today, I feel like I am with my family," she said, looking around at the mission participants.



Pen pals, and now friends, Nufar Sandler and Arielle Kreisman
(OJB photo: Barry Fishman)

College helps build future leaders of Israel

By Barry Fishman

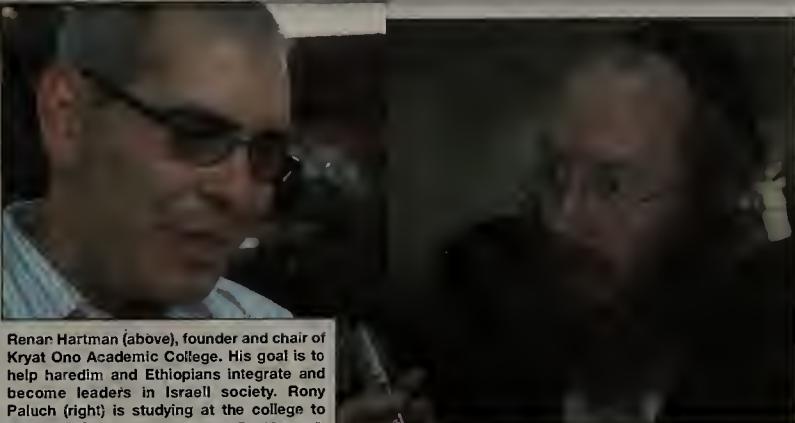
One would never think of Rony Paluch as a revolutionary. And yet, this soft-spoken haredi man is doing something that, until recently, would have been unheard of in the ultra orthodox community in Israel.

Each day, the fourth year student attends a men's only class on a separate campus at Israel's Kiryat Ono Academic College. He is studying to become a lawyer.

Elias Infram is also making history. Out of the 30,000 lawyers in Israel, only four are Ethiopian. Soon he will become the fifth.

And, if Montreal-born Renan Hartman, founder and chair of Kiryat Ono Academic College, has his way, there will be plenty more haredim and Ethiopian men and women lawyers and business graduates soon working in Israeli industry and government. Through the college's innovative programming, his goal is to help both the haredim and Ethiopian communities integrate and become leaders in Israeli society.

At the tender age of 25, Hartman began the college in 1995 because his wife was forced to study in England. There was a lack of space in Israeli universities.



Renan Hartman (above), founder and chair of Kiryat Ono Academic College. His goal is to help haredim and Ethiopians integrate and become leaders in Israeli society. Rony Paluch (right) is studying at the college to become a lawyer. (Photos: Dov Vinograd)

"I saw that there were 1,500 Israelis studying in England and realized there was something wrong here."

He began with 200 students. Today, with over 5,600 students, it is the fastest growing school in the country and has the largest law school and second largest business school.

Hartman is passionate about helping the less fortunate in Israel society. "Making social change is something I was brought up with," he says.

He believes his school has a responsibility to help solve the social problems facing the State of Israel. So, when the Jewish Agency asked him to consider registering an Ethiopian student in the law or business programs, he said no. Hartman wanted 50. He believes only with those kind of numbers can he make a difference.

"We need to build leadership and role models for the Ethiopian community," he says. "The only way to make sure the Ethiopian community survives in Israel is to

make sure they have the right jobs. To get the right job you have to learn to study."

Like the Ethiopians, the haredim are some of the poorest Israelis, especially since the government cut back funding for them and their institutions.

Haredi student Paluch says, "School has made a big change in my head. I no longer feel I have the right to decide on the religious beliefs of others."

He feels that as the haredim community and secular Israelis get

to know each other many of the problems can be solved.

It is not inexpensive to attend Omo Academic College. In order to attract some of the best teachers in Israel, tuition costs 27,000 shekels (\$6,500 US). The Ethiopian students pay 1,000 shekels (\$200 US) and Jewish agencies and federations pay 10,000 shekels. The college covers the remaining 16,000 shekels.

"Any money the college makes goes into social programming," Hartman says. He is hoping federations throughout North America will offer scholarships to students so he can continue to expand the program.

How successful is the program?

At a recent meeting to discuss scholarship opportunities, Hartman remembers telling students they have to become leaders in their community.

Ethiopian student Infram replied, "Hartman, I don't want to lead the Ethiopian community. I have news for you. I want to lead you."

One Academic College is not only helping the future leaders of the Ethiopian and haredim communities; more importantly, it is helping to build the future leaders of Israel.

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Migdal Ohr helps the children of Israel

By Barry Fishman

His work is never completed until he attends the wedding and sees the former residents and students of Migdal Ohr (Tower of Light) standing under the chupah. Only when they are married and have found work to support their family does Rabbi Yitzhak Dovid Grossman, founder and dean of Migdal Ohr, feel he has succeeded.

And so the rabbi and his dedicated staff of teachers and counsellors work day and night to help the damaged children of Migdal Ohr overcome the various problems they face.

Many of the children are from dysfunctional families, live in abject poverty, are new immigrants from the Former Soviet Union, Yemen, Ethiopia and other third world countries, are orphaned, have been abused or neglected or have drug addicted parents.

Rabbi Grossman believes love, warmth, understanding and a good education can bring out the best in a child. He says Migdal Ohr is based on the Jewish belief, "What you want to do for your children, you need to do for the children of all Israel."

The story of Migdal Ohr begins in 1968, when sixth generation Jerusalemite Rabbi Grossman



Rabbi Yitzhak Dovid Grossman, founder and dean of Migdal Ohr, believes "What you want to do for your children, you need to do for the children of all Israel."

(OJB photo: Barry Fishman)

decided to move to the Lower Galilee development town of Migdal Ha'Emek and help the citizens who were suffering from a high crime rate, unemployment and lack of educational opportunities. The "disco rabbi" began meeting the youth of the city at the local discos and helping them with their problems.

In 1972, he opened Migdal Ohr with 18 students. Today, under the leadership of Rabbi Grossman, Migdal Ohr has evolved into an educational centre that serves over 6,000 students.

It contains day care centres, nurseries, kindergartens, elementary and high schools, computer labs, libraries, medical clinics,

student dormitories and vocational training sites.

The education is so good at Migdal Ohr that the Israeli army allows students to go an extra two years after high school and receive an associate engineering degree before entering into the army as officers. Many of the instructors

from the Former Soviet Union hold

PhD degrees and over 60 per cent of the teachers are former graduates of Migdal Ohr. The teachers understand what the students are going through and are motivated to give the students the same chance they got.

Unfortunately, the downturn in the economy and severe government cutbacks have meant the waiting list to get into Migdal Ohr has grown longer. Despite the 30 per cent cut in government funding, Migdal Ohr has begun an \$8 million expansion so more children can be helped.

According to Dr. Moshe A. Singer, director of public relations, Migdal Ohr's success is "because God above has blessed us. I see miracles here on a daily basis. Whenever we don't know how we are going to do something, suddenly a solution appears out of nowhere."

The second reason for Migdal Ohr's success, says Singer, is Rabbi Grossman.

"He is a force that works day and night for the children. He is a father to every child here. Literally from the time they arrive until they walk down the aisle to stand under their wedding canopy, he is with them."

To learn more about Migdal Ohr visit its website at <http://migdalohr.org/>.

Film school attracts observant Jews in their 20s

By Byron Pascoe

The Ottawa Jewish Community UJA Mission 2005 had both straightforward and indirect goals for its participants. One of these aims was for the group to see firsthand, the diversity of Israelis.

The Ma'ale School of Television, Film & the Arts is an institution where Jewish filmmakers bring these stories to life.

Most students are religious and are in their 20s, having recently completed their army or national service. Along with screenwriting and reporting/editing tracks, there are 80 participants enrolled in the four-year direction/production stream.

Neta Ariel started her career 25 years ago as a researcher for Israel's Channel 1. Joining Ma'ale in 1995, Neta has been the school director for the last four years. "Ma'ale is the only film school in Israel, and the only one in the world with a Jewish orientation," she says.

"Ma'ale offers a professional academic program in film and television studies, both theoretical and practical, to students who are Shomrei Mitzvot (observant). This is reflected in the academic program itself, which includes classes on Judaism and the choice of films that are or are not screened here.

"Films cover a range of topics such as love and family, generational conflicts and stories of the Haredi world. Documentaries are generally on subjects that are at the centre of what is happening here in Israel, whether it is the political conflict, bereavement or even the arguments between synagogues."

One of the films screened for mission participants was *The Ranch*. This 22-minute film was presented by the film's director, Ohad Dornb.

Before entering Ma'ale in the 2001-2002 school year, Ohad was a sergeant in the Nachal Charedi

for a year and a half. This is an Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) program for soldiers from Israel's Haredi sector that combines army service with a Torah education.

Before his time in the Nachal Charedi, he was "a regular soldier defending mostly along the Lebanon border and occasionally in Gaza, since 1998," Ohad says.

"I was sort of a television addict and have always talked about movies since I was five. I never thought I would become a director, but I feel it's a dream come true."

"I wanted to make a western in the West Bank. *The Ranch* is about a dilemma in a family that lives on a ranch, which is being evacuated by the Israeli government. There is a conflict between the father and the son who doesn't want to be evacuated. It shows a lot of questions about our life; what we are and where we are going."

The father, David, has decided that he will surrender his land

without a fight. However his 17-year-old son Oriah wants to fight for the land, no matter what the sacrifice.

"I love dramatic action movies that make you think five minutes after the movie is over. They make you think about yourself, and our people. I wanted to tell a good story and through it ask the most relevant questions about the political and security situation here in Israel."

"The most important message in the movie is the question of whether ideology is more important than the sanctity of life. And vice versa. The direction I was aiming for was based on the Masada story. Are they still considered heroes after having committed suicide?"

The Ranch will soon be screened in the Israeli Parliament for the heads of security.

"I want to break the apathy in our nation, and begin a dialogue between each other," Ohad says.

"The film will also be shown at both international and Jewish festivals worldwide this coming year. I hope to attend and lecture at Jewish communities after the disengagement trauma."

The majority of the school's films are aired on the Israel Broadcasting Corporation. They have also won many prizes at festivals in Israel and around the world. Here in Canada, Ma'ale films have been screened at the Montreal Jewish Student Film Festival and Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

"The main goal in my eyes is that we encourage our students to make films on their personal worlds within the context of their Jewish identities. As a result, the films produced by Ma'ale students look very different from films anywhere else. They have their own unique, gentle and modest language," Neta concludes.

To learn more about Ma'ale, visit www.maale.co.il/default_en.asp.

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Support of Ottawa Jews helps many in Israel

By Barbara Crook

We stood in eerie silence, but the walls around us cried out their own insistent stories.

The rough, towering stone walls in the Valley of the Communities at Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial centre, are chiseled with the names of every single village, town and city in Europe where Jews lived before the Shoah. Some still exist. Most were wiped out along with their inhabitants.

As we paused in memory, the youngest members of the Ottawa mission read aloud stories and poems from children and teenagers who had dreamed of freedom but were murdered by the Nazis. Cantor Sbeur Bielak filled the canyon with the haunting strains of *El Molei Rachamim*, the prayer for the dead.

In the middle of the ceremony, Shinder glared at the wall behind him and was stunned. He was standing right below the name of the town in Ukraine where he was born. And as he examined the rock face more closely, he also saw the name of the birthplace of his late father-in-law – Roger Greenberg, my husband Dan's grandfather.

Two Ottawa families, connected by marriage, on the same memorial stone in Israel. The stone where Uncle Is happened to stand that day.

The visit to Yad Vashem was a day of intense connection for many members of our mission. Kathi Kovacs learned the name of the birthplace of her late mother, an Auschwitz survivor who hadn't had a chance to share these details when Kathi was growing up.

Miriam Gal-Tauk found information about her mother's sister, who had died in the Shoah. She was elated to discover that the



In the Valley of the Communities at Yad Vashem, younger members of the Mission read aloud poems and stories from children and teenagers murdered by the Nazis. (OJB Photo: Barry Fishman)

information had been submitted by a cousin she didn't know existed – and whom she's determined to track down.

For both these women, these missing links will help them put together more pieces of their past.

But the intense emotional and historical connections between Ottawa and Israel on this mission went far beyond the walls of Yad Vashem. Everywhere we travelled in Israel, we encountered people and projects for whom our community of 14,000 Jews had made a major difference.

In some cases, such as the organization SELAH, which provides an astounding range of practical, emotional and financial assistance to immigrant families devastated by terror and other tragedies, Ottawa was the first North American Jewish

federation to provide much-needed dollars. Not only did our donations allow SELAH to continue its valuable work during the worst of the terror years, but director Ruth Bar-On said our "special partnership" prompted other Canadian federations to come through with financial support.

Our twinning programs with schools in the north of Israel have forged strong connections among students and adults, for whom each visit is like "old home week."

Our support of Kfar Tikvah, a remarkable project in which developmentally and psychiatrically challenged adults live and work in an idyllic setting, has enabled the doctors, psychologists and social workers there to make important breakthroughs in understanding and treating these adults as they

reach their geriatric years.

"I've been donating to UJA for 60 years and I hadn't heard about many of the places we support in Israel," said Shinder.

Said Selaine Shinder, "I wasn't aware of UJA dollars going to places like SELAH. It made me very proud of our community, and it was very important for me to learn this."

But we also took away lessons from the places we visited – including organizations we do not support financially – that will help strengthen our own communities.

"If it doesn't exist, create it," was the motto of Imbar Palmer of ELEM, an organization for youth at risk that does not receive money from UJA Ottawa. ELEM's outreach programs include vans, each staffed with a social worker and

volunteers, that make nightly visits to street kids and prostitutes.

In 1997, Palmer opened a café in Tel Aviv that allowed troubled kids to drop in and chat with a social worker if they desired. Because the kids could also just hang at the café, there was no stigma attached to their visits. There are now 20 of these cafés throughout Israel.

"We believe two things," said Palmer, whose organization receives no financial support from the Israeli government. "These are tomorrow's generation, and they are our responsibility. And you don't have to be a social worker to have a respectful conversation with another human being."

Palmer's latest project is Lilith, a Tel Aviv restaurant that enables high-school dropouts – most with untreated attention-deficit disorder – to apprentice as chefs. All of the 55 students who have graduated from the program in the last five years (two dropped out) work in restaurants or at other jobs, are in the Army or have returned to high school.

"We give them cooking skills, but the most important thing is giving them social skills," said Palmer.

Seeing the way these organizations mobilize huge volunteer forces, as well as the ways they use donations from communities like Ottawa as "leverage" for other private and government funding, made a real impact on the Ottawa mission.

"I was here two years ago, but this time I got a much deeper understanding of how appreciative people were of each dollar being spent," said Allan Sand.

"This trip really showed how every UJA dollar is multiplied 10 times, especially because of volunteers."

Isracorps volunteers help the people of the Galilee Panhandle

By Bob Dale

The part of Israel called the Galilee Panhandle – which includes communities in the far-most northern region of Israel, the largest of which are Metulla and Kiryat Shmona – is an economically depressed part of the country. Existing problems have been exacerbated by huge cuts in government funding, particularly those affecting the social services sector.

This area is the heart of Partnership 2000 (P2K), an initiative supported by Ottawa, several other

Canadian communities, and San Francisco.

P2K links Jewish communities from abroad with those in Israel in a mutual effort to strengthen Israeli society while promoting unity and Jewish identity. Its focus is on building people-to-people connections between the Diaspora and Israel.

As one example, through the "Beyachad" partnership, specific needs have been identified and programs created to address the educational and related challenges facing the region's children, roughly 40 per

cent of whom currently leave high school illiterate.

Another program is Isracorps, an initiative aimed at teenagers who have graduated from high school. Instead of going directly into the military, these young people, from the Panhandle and other parts of the country, spend a year as volunteers.

Before doing that, however, they are provided with training on how to volunteer. This prevents them from going into communities as "do-gooders" trying to impose solutions on local people while being

totally unaware of community needs.

Once they have been trained as volunteers, Isracorps graduates work with people in Panhandle communities, such as younger children, providing them with needed support and mentoring in a number of crucial ways.

Of course, Isracorps greatly benefits the recipients of this volunteer work, but it also benefits the volunteers themselves. According to Peter Adler and Mickey Navo, the program officials who spoke with

Mission participants, young people who graduate from Isracorps stand a far better chance of becoming community leaders later in life, greatly adding to the human capital of the Panhandle and other regions of the country.

The three young women who spoke with Mission participants at the Arthur and Annie Fouks Community Centre in Kiryat Shmona provided outstanding examples of Israel's future leadership cadre.

The P2K Committee is expanding soon. Volunteers are needed.

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Israel a birdwatcher's paradise with 500 species

By Murray Citron

Over 500 species of birds have been found in Israel, about the same number as in Canada.

Some of the species are the same. In Israel, as in Canada, there are pigeons and house sparrows all over. There are also crows. But look again at the crows. In Canada, crows are completely black, and iridescent. The crows in Israel have black wings, head and tail, but the back and chest are brown. They are called Hooded Crows.

On a Friday afternoon, in Jerusalem, Ezra, the guide, took some visitors on a bus ride through Mea Shearim. He pointed out the garb that the people wear, and how sects can be recognized by differences in the length of the shtrumeil, or the shape of the hat. Like them, the crows of Israel have taken a different path.

So have the Hoopoe Birds. Imagine a bird like a blue jay that is orange, white and black instead of blue, white and black, and that has an orange crest instead of a blue crest. Its wings have alternating black and white stripes, like a zebra, that interact geometrically when it flies, so it looks like a flying strobe light. It has a long cylindrical bill, that it uses to probe the ground for food. On Shabbat, in Independence



Murray Citron enjoys comparing Israeli and Canadian bird species.

Park, in Jerusalem behind the Sheraton, there is a minyan of Hoopoe Birds bobbing up and down.

There is also a Syrian Woodpecker. Israel is obviously not the best place for woodpeckers, and this is the only species of woodpecker known here, but there are some trees in the park, and there is a woodpecker.

In Canada, there are a number of black birds, including the red-winged blackbird, the grackle, the brown-headed cowbird, the crow, and the starling, but there is no Blackbird. People who went to school in Canada a generation ago, when they read only English literature, which is

full of Blackbirds, never really knew what they were. The Blackbird is an eastern hemisphere songbird, about the size of the American robin. It is all black, except for its yellow beak and white rings around its eyes. There is a Blackbird in the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, and in the woods at Hagoshirim.

The favourite bird of Canadians is probably the American robin, with its flamboyant breast and dark head. It is not found in the eastern hemisphere. In its place there is the Yellow-vented Bulbul, which has a dark head and earth-coloured body. It flies in and out of the bushes in

Hagoshirim, and Metulla, and Naot, and Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv, feeding its young.

Israel is one of the best places in the world to see many species of birds in a small area. One reason is the great variety of habitats. Another is its location. Migratory birds have learned that it is easier to fly over land, where they can get food and rest, than across the Mediterranean. Israel is a funnel, from which millions of birds spread to Europe and the Arctic in spring, and to Africa and the Indian Ocean in the fall.

The Hula Valley, in Galilee, is a major staging ground for migrating birds. In the early years of the State of Israel the Hula Marshes were drained. In those days, it was still thought that civilization was advanced by draining wetlands. The result was an environmental disaster, including a great loss of birds.

The State and the Jewish National Fund are now trying to remedy this, and in part at any rate, to restore the marshes. The migration season is over, but in a brief drive, one meets the White Stork, the Pied Kingfisher, many herons and egrets, storks, ducks and birds of prey.

On the beach in Tel Aviv, at the jetty just south of the Sheraton, there is a Little Egret. It has a pure white body, with a black beak. It has

black legs and green feet. It walks the incoming waves with graceful ballet steps looking for food. It is a beautiful sight against the blue sea.

It shouldn't be here. This kind of bird belongs in freshwater inland marshes. A day later it is gone. Possibly it has learned of the restoration project and is returning from exile.

In Canada, the common pigeon has one relative, the mourning dove. It is smaller than the pigeon, with a beige colour, and white tail feathers that look like an arrow when it flies off. It is often seen in pairs, making a sad coo from which it gets its name, sitting on overhead cables or foraging on the ground. Israel has several doves, including the Laughing Dove, with the same shape and behaviour, but red wings, and, of course, a cheerful sound, which is heard at Kfar Tikvah.

Back in Jerusalem, there is an umbrella of Belted Swifts, and other swifts. Swifts are cigar-shaped birds with narrow wings. They vary in colour, but over the Western Wall, silhouetted against the bright sky, they all look black. They dash back and forth, without stopping, all day long, collecting insects, and they are even thought to sleep on the wing. They have mouths to feed, and they get tzedakah up there.

Jerusalem stone architectural expression of Jewish experience

By Dr. Sid Kardash

Jerusalem can be viewed from many perspectives. Religious, historical, political and other viewpoints have all added to the uniqueness of this very special city in the minds of the people of the West and the followers of Islam.

For the Jewish people, one could add another dimension. Jerusalem can be seen as an architectural expression of the Jewish historical experience. I refer specifically to the reddish pink stones arranged in different ways at different times in history to represent the greatest drama of peoplehood in history.

The carefully arranged massive stones of the retaining wall along the Western border of the Great Temple can now be viewed and touched by visitors. The arrangement of Jerusalem stones at the Valley of the Communities at Yad Vashem with the engraved names of those countless communities destroyed during the Holocaust,

coupled with the striking architecture of the new museum, leaves very deep images of loss on the viewer.

Walking the ancient streets of the city puts us in direct contact with the people, the priests, the prophets, rulers, militia, kings and numerous conquerors throughout the ages. In Jerusalem, it is possible for a visitor to transverse 2,000

years of historical memory and experience it all in a day or two.

For myself, my mind raced across the centuries from the destroyed Second Temple to the renewed presence of Jews praying at that same wall whose presence was supposed to represent the end of Jewish history. I walked the streets that witnessed the armies of

Rome, a militant Islam, Crusaders, Turks, British and Jordanians; now all gone and replaced by a reconstructed State of Israel.

I did all the above in the space of 36 hours. The highlight of my trip to my Jerusalem was when I joined with fellow mission travellers in prayer at a synagogue saying goodbye to Shabbat by singing

zmirot, listening to a divrei torah and leaving with a sense of melancholy that I would not repeat this experience in the near future.

I will always cherish the memories of those very precious moments in my Jerusalem of stone. I can only hope to recreate those feelings here at home and urge my friends to do the same.

Go and travel the land with the UJA

By Ilana Rabin

I just got back from a wonderful trip to Israel with the UJA. I am very glad that I decided to join this "mission."

The decision was unusual for me because I usually go to Israel by myself in the summer to visit family and friends. However, this time I decided to take this opportunity and see the country, its people and learn more about the United Jewish Appeal and its projects.

I was delighted to meet many wonderful people from our commu-

nity. The group consisted of people of various ages and was diverse as far as Jewish associations go. The leaders were warm and welcoming and did a great job at organizing everything and sticking to the schedule.

We started by travelling up north, visiting kibbutzim, villages and cities. We saw some amazing projects that are being implemented to help young children and adults. We met with Israeli leaders from different communities and recognized the needs and wants of those

institutions. These facilities are doing a great job helping Israeli society thrive in less than optimum circumstances: having an outside threat, an inside threat and mass immigration.

We toured Jerusalem by foot from sunrise to sundown. We enjoyed Caesarea and excavations in Tzippori. We visited museums, restaurants and neighborhoods in Tel-Aviv. These are places I would never have got to see on my own.

The guide we had was phenomenal! He had vast knowledge in

Israel's history, economy, culture, welfare, military, geography and bird watching.

The trip was a very worthwhile experience. Not only was it worth the money, but also, by going with UJA, I was able to learn how it supports both our community and Israel. Now I can transfer all the sights, smells, sounds and feelings to my family, friends and students, so they too will want to experience all the wonders of Israel.

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2005 UJA COMMUNITY MISSION TO ISRAEL



The 95 members of the community mission to Israel had a trip they will not soon forget.

Mission participants learn Israel a nation of helpers

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class hotels close to the airport. We may have got to bed at 3:00 am, but, thanks to Sandy, we were in comfortable beds.

Upper Galilee and P2K

The sparsely populated Upper Galilee is perhaps one of the most beautiful spots we visited. With only 50,000 residents and far from the centres of power, the region has been ignored for years.

It is an area where, through Partnership 2000 (P2K), Canadian communities are making a real difference in people's lives. Not just financially, but also with a people-to-people connection.

The welcome we got from HaNadiv Elementary School, a Gesher Chai (Living Bridge) school twinned with Hillel Academy, was unbelievable. The children excitedly showed us around their school, including the artwork from students of Hillel Academy, and had us point out where Ottawa is on an engraved map on the floor of the school's bomb shelter. Located in Metulla, smack up against the Lebanese border, until fairly recently, the area had faced rocket attacks from Lebanon.

How effective is this program? Ask Hillel Academy graduate and now high school student Ariel Kreisman, who got to meet her Israeli pen pal from Grade 5. Or the Israeli who smiled, looked around at the mission participants and said she felt she was with family.

Connection.

The standard of living in the Upper Galilee is lower than in the more urban areas of Israel. Canadian communities are making a difference with investments in children's education, infrastructure and training of adults.

Poverty and volunteerism high

On the surface, things are looking better in Israel. Unlike two years ago, when I was last in Israel, the tourists are back and the economy is beginning to improve. Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem is packed following Shabbat. Restaurants, stores and hotels are busier. People seem more relaxed as they sit at outdoor cafes enjoying the warm weather.

Below the surface, life remains grim for many Israelis. Poverty is at an all time high, the intifada has meant government cut backs in social programs and education

that affect many, children go hungry, new immigrants to the country are finding it tough, the haredim are living in poverty and the gap between the rich and poor has increased.

Our sages tell us that as Jews we are responsible for each other. During a UJA community mission to Israel, you learn very quickly that this is a core belief in Israeli society.

It is a nation of helpers. There are over 30,000 volunteer organizations with an average of three starting up each week. Per capita, Israel has the highest number of volunteers in the world. And they do wonderful work.

During the mission, we got to meet people who are passionate about improving the life of children, the elderly, the immigrants and those struggling with poverty. We also met individuals from the haredim to former street people, who are succeeding, thanks to the help they get and through their own hard work.

Country will continue to thrive

One of the more meaningful experiences was the commemoration service we held at the Yad

Vashem Valley of the Communities, followed by a visit to the stunning, new, Moshe-Safdie-designed Yad Vashem historical museum.

After visiting the museum, it seems almost inconceivable to think that Jewish blood could be spilled during the disengagement from Gaza. Hopefully, cooler heads will prevail and the settlers will be helped finding new homes in what, for them, will surely be an agonizing move.

After seeing the work of those who help their fellow Jews, you

leave Israel with a sense of optimism that, despite what may happen with the disengagement or with the peace process, the country will somehow thrive.

You also return to Canada knowing your donation to the UJA is helping to make real change. As a bonus, you feel better connected, not only to Israel, but also to your own Jewish community.

The next step for the mission participants is to spread the word on Israel and work together on ways to improve the lives of our fellow Jews in Ottawa and Israel.

Hazan Yeshaya helps

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Several mission participants offered to volunteer, on the spot, to ensure that people got fed.

Others were so overcome that they refused to enter the soup kitchen, concerned that if they went in, they would prevent a hungry person from receiving his or her food on time.

Hazon Yeshaya needs our assistance.

Unfortunately, our federation doesn't yet support it financially. But I suspect some of us are going

to try to find ways of helping Hazon Yeshaya, either through UJA funding or private initiatives – like the one Dr. Sid Kardash intends to initiate. Like the rest of us, Sid was profoundly moved by what we saw and learned at the soup kitchen.

In the meantime, you can call Hazon Yeshaya's Canadian office (416-782-3658) to donate to this worthy organization via credit card.

More information can be found at <http://canada.hazonyeshaya.org/>.

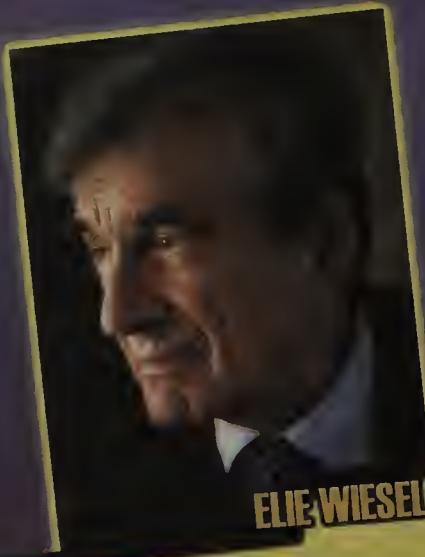


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